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Clerk faces election challenges

Absentee ballots delayed due to staff changes, COVID-19

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Key staff changes and the COVID-19 pandemic have created election challenges in the Berrien County Clerk's office, including a slight delay in the availability of absentee ballots.

County Clerk Sharon Tyler told county commissioners Thursday that absentee ballots were not ready on Thursday – the first day they could legally be made available to voters.

Tyler said she was told by the company printing the ballots that they were on their way to Berrien County from Detroit Thursday afternoon. She hoped to be able to sign them off to the local clerks today.

"I'm hoping people are patient with us and understanding, because I would rather have an accurate ballot than an incorrect ballot," she said when contacted after the meeting.

She told county commissioners that part of the problem is that two election administrators have resigned in the past few weeks and the new election administrator needs time to learn the job.

Compounding the problem this year, she said, is that the state Democratic and Republican parties held their conventions later than normal due to the pandemic and then made last minute changes on top of that.

Then, she said that her election staff kept getting locked out of voter files that they needed from the state.

"We couldn't even access them to work on them," she said. "...It's been a long and bumpy road."

For these reasons, she said she wants to contract with Jason Watts, former Allegan County election administrator, to help her office through the end of the year as an election coordinator. She said she's already brought him onboard part time and that her staff is drawing up a contract for him.

"I hope you approve that because I'm very much in need of election expertise at this time," she said.

Tyler said that even during normal times, there's barely enough time between the August primary and the November general election to get the ballots ready.

She said she supports state Sen. Aric Nesbitt's previous bill that would have moved the state's primary to June so the clerks have more time to put together the November ballot. Nesbitt introduced that bill in 2016 when he was a state representative. It never made it out of committee.

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State Legislature eases processing of absentee ballots

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan lawmakers voted Thursday to make it easier for clerks to process a surge in absentee ballots in the battleground state's presidential election by letting them start a day earlier than normal.

Election officials currently cannot remove ballots from outer envelopes until 7 a.m. on Election Day, which this year is Nov. 3. Legislation sent to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer for her expected signature would allow them to be opened between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 2, in cities or townships with at least 25,000 residents. Ballots would have to remain in secrecy envelopes until being counted on Nov. 3.

The change is intended to help avoid delays in counting the vote due to so many more people voting absentee. The option was

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IN THE SWING

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Girls take advantage of the mild weather as they swing along the shore of Lake Michigan in St. Joseph Wednesday night.

Ex-criminals eye chance for clean record

Bills headed to governor would make it easier to expunge convictions

By ANGIE JACKSON
Detroit Free Press

LANSING — Legislation that would pave the way for more people to clear their criminal records as well as automate the process for certain offenses is headed to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's desk.

Michigan's expungement reform is expected to affect hundreds of thousands of people. Lawmakers and organizations who backed the bills say the changes will remove a barrier to employment, housing and other opportunities for individuals with criminal histories who've rehabilitated themselves.

The Senate on Wednesday approved the bipartisan legislation, which was introduced in the House of Representatives last September.

Groups that advocate for formerly incarcerated people celebrated the legislation's passage.

"This has been a long time coming for a lot of people, a lot of formerly incarcerated people, who have long been worthy of an opportunity to have a clean record," said Hakim Crampton, statewide organizer with JustLeadershipUSA, a nonprofit that was among a coalition of groups that pushed for the reform. "Too many working-age adults have been locked out for decades from opportunities for employment and critically, opportunities for advancement in employment."

Pauline Wendzel, R-Coloma, 79th District representative, praised the bills, which she co-sponsored.

"This common-sense legislation is about doing the right thing," Wendzel said in a news release. "Removing barriers so every Michigander can rise to their full potential and support their families is one of the most important things we can do as a Legislature. After a year of hard work, I'm excited for this package to finally pass and be signed into law.

"This historic legislation is arguably one of the most important legislative packages passed in the last decade. By allowing hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents who made a mistake and paid their debt to society to have low-level offenses removed from their record, we're opening the door to new and better career, educational, and housing opportunities. This not only reduces recidivism, but it helps our community and our economy grow in a safe and healthy manner."

The seven bills have garnered support from both sides of the aisle, but Sen. Ed McBroom, R-Vulcan, said Wednesday he would not support the legislation because it doesn't allow for expungement of driving under the influence of alcohol. He said "thousands" of residents across the Upper Peninsula, where his district is located, can't get a job because of a drunken driving conviction. Many other traffic offenses, which are not currently eligible for expungement, can be cleared under the bills.

"The whole message for why we're trying to do this expungement package could not be clearer than on somebody who's got a DUI 20 years ago when they were 20 years old," McBroom said on the Senate floor. "And to not make provision for that in this package is a terrible injustice, and it's not good for the people that I represent."

Advocates say the current process for sealing a criminal record from public view is costly and complicated, and the restrictions unduly narrow. The law allows for people to apply to have one felony or two misdemeanors set aside five years after their monitoring by the justice system ends.

Only 6.5 percent of people who qualify for

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Health inequities linked to lack of trust

Speaker says health systems need to do more to Black residents' trust

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Mistrust of healthcare systems by Black people dates back centuries, and won't be fixed overnight.

That was the message community members heard Thursday from award-winning medical writer and editor Harriet Washington during an online discussion titled, "Building a Trustworthy Healthcare System: Notes from History, Ethics and Contemporary Crises."

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"I think people are ready for this history and ready to look for answers," Washington told her audience in a presentation conducted on Zoom.

During her talk, Washington highlighted medical myths regarding race, systemic inequities, and the ways in which the healthcare industry has had negative consequences for people of color.

Author of "Medical Apartheid," Washington has taught at Harvard School of Public Health and University of Rochester. She also has served on the board for organizations such as the Journal of the National Medical Association and Young Women's Christian Association.

Washington's presentation was part of an education and awareness series titled, "Community Grand Rounds: Healing the Trauma of Racism," which is a collaborative effort between Spectrum Health Lakeland and the Todman Family Foundation. She was introduced by Lynn Todman, vice president of health equity for Lakeland.

Washington met with Lakeland officials earlier in the day.

Todman said recent health studies have shown that in communities within the local health system, Black people's life expectancy is 67 while that of white people is 86, a 19-year gap.

She said as health officials began looking into the reason for the discrepancy, there was a consistent theme: Black people have a lack of trust in the health care system.

"Trust has been deeply eroded, and Black people avoid health care. We need to earn trust," Todman said.

In her talk, Washington said historically, there is no aspect of medicine that has not been touched by the mistreatment of African Americans.

Blacks being barred from white hospitals, "Negro" ambulances, the barring of Black doctors from hospitals and the American Medical Assoiation, and an old belief that Black bodies were different than whites have contributed to the historic mistrust, she said.

"Black slaves who ran away were given a (neurological) medical diagnosis and were punished for being ill. Sick slaves were accused of lying about it to get out of work, were beaten out of the hospital and forced to go to work," she said. "It's easy to see how African Americans distrust medical treatment."

Washington said centuries ago, scientists told doctors that Blacks were "of a different species, had flawed bodies, imaginary diseases, lower intelligence, bestial sexuaity and didn't feel pain."

She said in her research for her book, she found ads "looking for sick Negroes" and found that Blacks were used for experimentation and for teaching purposes. She said in one case, arms and legs were removed to show medical students how to do amputations.

In the Victorian Age, she said, surgery was performed on Black women using no anesthesia, and in the 19th

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McConnell, Pelosi dispute Trump, vow peaceful power transfer

By LISA MASCARO, AAMER MADHANI and KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congressional leaders from both parties, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, swiftly pushed back Thursday after President Donald Trump declined to commit to a peaceful transfer of power if he loses the Nov. 3 presidential election.

Trump said during a Wednesday news conference, "We're going to have to see what happens," responding to a question about committing to the results. "You know that I've been complaining very strongly about the ballots, and the ballots are a disaster."

By Thursday, the White House sought to clarify Trump's words.

"The president will accept the results of a free and fair election," said Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany. But she said Trump does want to "get rid of mass, mail-out voting," which he claims without evidence will lead to massive fraudulent ballots.

Reaction to Trump's comments was strong and negative from Capitol Hill. Lawmakers from both parties – including leaders of Trump's Republican Party – had no hesitation in committing to an orderly transfer if he loses.

"The winner of the November 3rd election will be inaugurated on January 20th," McConnell said in a tweet. "There will be an orderly transition just as there has been every four years since 1792."

Democrat Pelosi said it was "very sad" the president of the United States was even raising this question. "What would our founders think?" she asked.

"Calm down, Mr. President," Pelosi said at a news conference.

She reminded Trump the U.S. is not North Korea, Russia, Saudi Arabia or other countries with strongman leaders he openly admires.

"You are in the United States of America. It is a democracy," she said. "So why don't you just try for a moment to honor our oath of office to the Constitution of the United States."

Pelosi said she has confidence in American voters to cast their votes and choose the president.

Hardly any GOP lawmakers came to the president's defense.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Trump ally and chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee, told "Fox & Friends" on Thursday, "If Republicans lose we will accept the result. If the Supreme Court rules in favor of Joe Biden, I will accept that result."

Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, a member of the House GOP leadership, tweeted: "The peaceful transfer of power is enshrined in our Constitution and fundamental to the survival of our Republic. America's leaders swear an oath to the Constitution. We will uphold that oath."

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
QH-KS-6C-9D-7S
Midday Daily 3
9-1-0
Midday Daily 4
4-7-1-3
Daily 3
2-3-6
Daily 4
1-9-9-7
Fantasy 5
10-14-16-23-27
Keno
12-18-22-25-26-33-36-40-47-52-54-55-56-58-60-62-63-64-68-74-75-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$24 million
Powerball jackpot
$25 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
08-17-49-52-59, Powerball: 1, Power Play: 2
Indiana
Cash 5
14-26-27-30-43
Cash4Life
10-28-36-38-45, Cash Ball: 1
Lotto Plus
05-06-11-22-32-45
Quick Draw Midday
03-07-14-17-18-21-28-31-36-37-39-40-42-43-53-65-71-75-76-77, BE: 18
Daily Three-Midday
8-1-2, SB: 3
Daily Three-Evening
6-9-3, SB: 7
Daily Four-Midday
5-1-9-2, SB: 3
Daily Four-Evening
7-6-6-8, SB: 7
Quick Draw Evening
03-04-05-06-10-12-21-24-30-31-32-33-37-39-48-54-58-68-75-80, BE: 12
Hoosier Lotto
02-11-14-23-29-42
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
22-33-37-42-44
Pick Three-Midday
6-1-6, Fireball: 8
Pick Three-Evening
5-9-1, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
4-2-7-6, Fireball: 0
Pick Four-Evening
4-2-0-0, Fireball: 9
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A forklift operator loads absentee ballots for mailing at the Wake County Board of Elections as preparations for the upcoming election are ongoing in Raleigh, N.C., on Sept. 3. Data obtained by The Associated Press shows Postal Service districts across the nation are missing the agency's own standards for on-time delivery as millions of Americans prepare to vote by mail.

Records: Mail delivery lags behind targets as election nears

By ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE and PIA DESHPANDE
Associated Press

The slice of Michigan that covers Detroit, its suburbs and towns dependent on the auto industry is coveted political terrain in one of this year's most important presidential swing states. It also has another distinction as home to one of the worst-performing U.S. Postal Service districts in the country.

In Michigan and beyond, states are seeing record-breaking interest in mail-in voting during the coronavirus pandemic. But controversial changes at the Postal Service have compounded long-standing delivery delays nationwide and sparked concerns among election officials and voters alike over the agency's ability to deliver this fall.

Data obtained by The Associated Press shows postal districts across the country are missing by wide margins the agency's own goals for on-time delivery, raising the possibility that scores of mailed ballots could miss deadlines for reaching local election offices if voters wait too long. Missing a deadline is a key reason mail-in ballots get rejected.

Several postal districts serving urban regions in battleground states have a history of delivering mail at below the national targets and saw sharp drop-offs in performance over the summer. The message to voters is clear: Mail those ballots early.

"As soon as possible," said Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, a Democrat.

The Postal Service, long an afterthought in the political process, has been drawn into the fray after its new leader, Postmaster General Louis DeJoy, implemented a series of cost-cutting measures that delayed deliveries nationwide. The changes have sparked a flurry of legal challenges and caused concerns over the agency's ability to handle the anticipated crush of election mail this year, although DeJoy has said it will be the Postal Service's top priority.

DeJoy, a GOP megadonor with no previous experience at the Postal Service, postponed the removal of mail sorting machines and collection boxes last month. He said it was "to avoid even the appearance of impact on election mail."

Despite pausing some policies, DeJoy left in place rules restricting when mail can leave warehouses, which several postal workers have said is a main culprit behind the delays. Federal judges have since ordered the Postal Service to halt all changes, although the agency said it is exploring its legal options.

On-time delivery across the country dipped substantially in the weeks after DeJoy took office in mid-June, according to internal weekly performance data obtained by The Associated Press through a Freedom of Information Act request. While service began rebounding toward the end of summer, no Postal Service region is meeting the agency's target of delivering more than 95 percent of first-class mail within five days.

"One of the most frustrating aspects about the changes that have happened at the Postal Service over the past several months is that it's created uncertainty and chaos where none existed prior, and now you do have so many citizens asking, 'Is my vote going to get there on time?'" Benson said.

Even as DeJoy took over, many of the Postal Service districts serving regions that are in important presidential swing states delivered mail at well below the national average. Quarterly data covering April through June shows that 17.5 percent of first-class mail took longer than three or five days to arrive at its destination in many parts of the country.

Mail arrived within three to five days less than 90 percent of the time in Milwaukee, Miami, Orlando, the Ohio valley and in the North Carolina cities of Raleigh, Durham and Charlotte, according to the agency's quarterly data.

Delivery times worsened after DeJoy started and remained below the agency's targets at the end of August. On-time delivery in northern Ohio, which includes Cleveland, dipped to as low as 63 percent in July before rising to 88 percent by the end of August.

The trend in Pennsylvania was similar. On-time delivery declined to as low as 79 percent for the Philadelphia area and to 67 percent for the central part of the state. Earlier this year, the Philadelphia district averaged 84.5 percent on-time delivery, according to the quarterly data.

Nick Custodio, deputy city commissioner in Philadelphia, urged mail-in voters to move quickly to obtain an absentee ballot and send it back to avoid any delivery delays.

"People should apply early," he said. "Apply now, in fact."

The Michigan secretary of state is mailing every registered voter a ballot application and is encouraging residents to make a plan for voting. That could include circumventing the Postal Service altogether through early voting or by placing ballots in drop boxes.

The postal district covering the eastern part of the state includes Detroit and other places that could determine how Michigan votes in the presidential race, including Dearborn, Flint and Macomb County. On-time mail deliveries there fell to as low as 61 percent at the beginning of last month and rose to around 80 percent by the end of August. The greater Michigan area, which covers a part of the state that leans more Republican overall, performed at just over 90 percent.

"We're encouraging voters to make a plan to vote now," said Merissa Kovach, a policy strategist at the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan, adding that voters should use ballot drop boxes if Election Day is nearing and they haven't yet mailed their ballot.

A judge last week said Michigan must count mailed absentee ballots that arrive within 14 days after Election Day if postmarked by Nov. 2. Republicans are trying to appeal.

Postal Service spokesman Dave Partenheimer said the agency is committed to improving service and pointed to a nearly 89 percent national on-time rate for first-class mail at the start of September.

On the ground, the public turmoil surrounding the Postal Service has at least some voters wondering if the mail-in system will work.

"Lots of customers have asked me if their ballots will get there on time," said Laura Hogg, a letter carrier in Minneapolis, Minnesota. "Some people have said they're going to go vote in person just because of the gravity of the election. They just want to make sure their vote is counted."

In Taylor case, limits of law overcome calls for justice

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

"Arrest the cops who killed Breonna Taylor" became a rallying cry this summer, emblazoned on T-shirts worn by celebrities and sports stars while protesters filled the streets demanding police accountability. In the end, none of the officers were charged with Taylor's killing, although one was indicted for shooting into a neighboring home that had people inside.

The outcome demonstrates the vast disconnect between widespread public expectation of justice and the limits of the law when police use deadly force.

"Criminal law is not meant to respond to every sorrow and grief," Attorney General Daniel Cameron, the first African American elected to the job in Kentucky, told reporters after the grand jury announced its decision on Wednesday. "And that is, that is true here. But my heart breaks for the loss of Miss Taylor."

Taylor, a 26-year-old Louisville emergency medical worker studying to become a nurse, was shot several times in her hallway after three plainclothes narcotics detectives busted down the door of her apartment after midnight on March 13. The officers entered the home as part of an investigation into a suspect who lived across town. No drugs were found at Taylor's home.

Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, was with her at the apartment and fired a shot at Louisville police Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly after the door was broken down. Walker has said he fired because he feared he was being robbed or that it might be an ex-boyfriend of Taylor's trying to get in. Mattingly was struck in the leg and returned fire, along with other officers who were outside the apartment.

But the officers who opened fire on Taylor were determined by prosecutors to be justified in using force because they acted in self defense. The officer who shot into a neighbor's apartment was the one who was charged with a felony. Brett Hankison faces up to five years in prison on each of the three wanton endangerment charges.

The grand jury's decision was swiftly condemned by activists, celebrities and others as a shocking miscarriage of justice. Minutes after the announcement, demonstrators began to march down a Louisville thoroughfare, chanting "No justice, no peace."

"The rallying cries that have been echoing throughout the nation have been once again ignored by a justice system that claims to serve the people," said attorney Ben Crump, who is representing Taylor's family. "But when a justice system only acts in the best interest of the most privileged and whitest among us, it has failed."

The long-awaited decision came amid calls for police reform across the U.S., spurred by the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis and other Black Americans by law enforcement. The backdrop now includes a divisive election season, with a fight over an open Supreme Court seat and repeated comments from President Donald Trump portraying demonstrators as violent mobs.

The outcome came as no surprise to legal experts, who said murder charges would never stand up in court because the officers were fired at first. Police are shielded by laws and longstanding court rulings giving them wide latitude to use deadly force to protect themselves or others. It's been rare to charge police with crimes in the death of civilians, and winning a conviction is harder.

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BERRIEN COUNTY

County to map out broadband deficit

Commissioners to consider funding study before applying for grants

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Making sure everyone in Berrien County has access to high speed internet has been a priority for Berrien County commissioners for over a year.

Next week, they will consider doing more than just talk about it. They will discuss paying $28,500 for a survey to be done by Merit, a nonprofit company, to find out what internet speeds residents are actually experiencing.

The COVID-19 pandemic has made the need to get high speed internet to everyone even more critical, Commissioner Teri Freehling told commissioners during their meeting Thursday.

She said that according to maps done by the Federal Communications Commission, her farm in Baroda has access to high speed internet. But in reality, she said she doesn't.

"Precision ag in the agricultural industry is becoming more and more critical and less of a luxury and more of an essential need," she said.

Then when the pandemic hit, she said she had two young children at home trying to do school work virtually.

"I've come to realize that (not having access to high speed internet) is absolutely unacceptable in the day and age that we live in," she said.

Commissioners passed a resolution in April 2019 stating that having reliable, high speed and affordable access to the internet is crucial to promote the public health and well-being of residents in order to improve their quality of life.

Then in September 2019, a subcommittee of commissioners started meeting with John Egelhaaf, executive director of the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission, to look into how to improve access and what grants are available to help pay for it.

The FCC defines high speed internet as 25 megabits per second for downloads and three megabits for uploads. According to an FCC report put out in April, 94.4 percent of Americans have access to high speed internet.

Egelhaaf said during a presentation to the commissioners that they can't move forward with inaccurate FCC maps.

Commissioner Jim Curran, who is on the subcommittee with Freehling and Commissioner Ezra Scott, agreed.

"The Merit survey is the first step," he said. "Before we can even think about applying for any kind of grant funding, we have to do this."

Administrator Brian Dissette said they are expecting grants to become available in 2021.

Their next meeting is at 10:30 a.m. Oct. 1. Meetings are held via Zoom and can be watched on the county's YouTube channel.

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ENJOYING THE VIEW

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A man enjoys the sun and sand along Silver Beach in St. Joseph Thursday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

Benton Harbor fire department gets grants

BENTON HARBOR — The Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety recently received a $2,000 grant from FM Global for fire prevention and education, and a $2,000 grant from Michigan Gas to increase firefighting capabilities.

Deputy Public Safety Director Michael Phelps said the grant from FM Global was used to buy an iPad for the fire marshal to use to take pictures and complete drawings while investigating fire scenes and conducting inspections, and to buy fire prevention materials to distribute at schools and community events.

The money from Michigan Gas was used to buy two high rise tool kits, enabling the fire department to be more efficient in the application of water, increasing safety for residents and firefighters at the many high rise buildings in the city.

"The Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety is continually working to improve the way we provide services to the citizens and visitors of the city of Benton Harbor," Phelps said.

Thursday COVID-19 update

Berrien County added seven new COVID-19 cases and six new recoveries Thursday. No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county is at about 98 active COVID-19 cases. That's nearly the same as Wednesday and up from 83 last Thursday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating five COVID-19 patients Thursday morning. That's down from seven on Wednesday and up from two last Thursday.

Van Buren County recorded four new COVID-19 cases Thursday, while Cass County recorded 10. New new COVID-19 deaths were reported in either county.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department will release an updated tally of recovered individuals today at https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

Covert Twp. treasurer runs as a write-in candidate

COVERT — After losing to challenger Barbara Rose in the August primary, Covert Township Treasurer Wednesday Pritchard plans to run against Rose as a write-in candidate in November's general election.

Pritchard, 48, has been serving as treasurer for the past year after the township board appointed her to the position when longtime Treasurer Marilyn Rendell retired. Before that, she served as deputy treasurer for 2 ½ years.

Rose, 72, previously served as township supervisor from 2008 to 2016.

Rose defeated Pritchard, 180-143, in the August primary.

Online classes the norm indefinitely

LANSING (AP) — Online classes at Michigan's three largest research universities will likely last for the entire academic year, keeping many students out of classrooms until next fall, campus leaders said Thursday.

The presidents of the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University spoke during a Lansing Economic Club event.

Mark Schlissel of U-M said the development of coronavirus vaccines will be important in any return to in-person instruction. About 20 percent of U-M classes now are in-person.

"What I'm most nervous about is that we'll have one or several vaccines, but we'll botch the delivery," Schlissel said.

"Our country has not demonstrated great capacity for organized, nationwide action, and that's what it's going to take to deliver a vaccine to 300 million people."

M. Roy Wilson of Wayne State in Detroit said the winter semester will look like the current term.

"This is going to be with us for a while," Wilson said of the virus.

Most classes at MSU have been online since March. Samuel Stanley Jr. said he'll be watching how other colleges perform with in-person classes.

"If there are not cases of transmission in a classroom where people are wearing masks, where they are socially distanced ... that gives me much more confidence that we can teach safely in that environment, and I think you might see more campuses come back," Stanley said.

Hartford woman charged in fatal crash

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — A Hartford woman faces four felony charges after being involved in a car crash that resulted in the death of a 7-year-old Covert boy and serious injuries to his mother.

Ashley Beebe was arraigned earlier this week in Seventh District Court for reckless driving causing death, operating a vehicle with a revoked or suspended license causing death, reckless driving causing serious impairment of body function, and operating a vehicle with a revoked or suspended license causing injury, according to court records. Her next day in court is scheduled Sept. 30 for a probable cause hearing.

The fatal car crash happened at approximately 2 p.m., Saturday at the intersection of 28th Avenue and M-140 Highway.

Damian Sanchez Enriquez, a second-grade student at Covert Public Schools, was in a vehicle driven by his 43-year-old mother, Carolina Sanchez, when police say Beebe failed to stop at an intersection and crashed into the Sanchez's vehicle, fatally wounding the little boy and injuring his mother, who was taken by ambulance to Bronson South Haven Hospital.

Police stated in a news release that a 2008 Saturn Vue driven by Sanchez was traveling north on M-140 Hwy., when a 2001 Buick Regal, driven by Beebe, failed to stop at a stop sign at the intersection of 28th Avenue.

The collision caused the Saturn to hit a Nissan, which was traveling south on M-140 Highway. That vehicle was then hit by a Hyundai.

BERRIEN COUNTY

ALPACT, Interfaith Action team up for forums

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

Racism and its impact on health will be looked at virtually Tuesday during the first of four panel discussions being sponsored this fall by Berrien County ALPACT and Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan.

Director Sid Mohn of Interfaith Action said that the organizations hosted two forums over the summer to look at the death of George Floyd and the ensuing national and local outcry for a better relationship between law enforcement and communities of color.

"As a result of those two community dialogues, we determined that there were concerns around criminal justice, around law enforcement, around healthcare delivery and around education," he said.

Tuesday's forum, "Racism, Justice and Health Disparities in Access and Outcomes," will start at 6 p.m. To register for the Zoom meeting, send an email to alpactsouthwest@gmail.com or to swmichinterfaithaction@gmail.com. More information can be found on the Facebook page Southwest Michigan ALPACT, the organization's name before it changed to Berrien County ALPACT recently.

Multiple studies have shown that people of color often don't have the same access to quality healthcare as white people do. Mohn said that the COVID-19 pandemic has exaggerated those disparities.

He said the problems are apparent. Now it's time to do something about it.

"These forums are an opportunity to say that we are coming together to look at shared solutions to our shared problems," he said. "How can we take constructive action as a community and not just talk about the issues?"

On the panel are Nikki Britten from the Berrien County Health Department, Dr. Anne Cornell from Riverwood Center, Jeannette Holton from Sacred Heart Rehabilitation Center, Mary Geegan Middleton from Cassopolis Family Clinic Network, Robin Golliday from Intercare Benton Harbor and Jerry Price from Spectrum Health Lakeland.

A forum on education will be on Oct. 13, on criminal justice will be on Oct. 27 and on law enforcement will be on Nov. 10.

Mohn said panelists will be asked what has their organization done to respond to racism and disparities in the past six months, what is their organization going to do about the problems in the next six months and how can the community help fill in the gaps?

He said that no one is saying that police officers or healthcare workers are bad. Instead, he said they want to talk about how to make things better.

He said the Stronger Together campaign led by Benton Harbor organizer Trenton Bowens illustrates that love is stronger than hate.

"It's a message of unity," he said. "It's a message recognizing our common humanity."

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hp ENTERTAINMENT

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **2 Trailers Down:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Backsliders: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Virtual opening and awards reception for "Fantastical Flora and Fauna" (via Zoom): 5-6 p.m., South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or www.southhavenarts.org

Benton Harbor Arts Association presents Arts in the Park with Dirty Sally: 6-9 p.m., Benton Harbor Arts District, 888-3830 or www.newterritoryarts.org

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Steve Michaels: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

Delilah DeWylde: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

Czar's 505 presents Mystery: 7-10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

The Edgar Willbury Experience: 7:30 p.m., The Strand, 93415 County Road 690, Dowagiac (outdoors); 424-7500 or www.strandbrewery.com

Kody Bryant: 8 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

SATURDAY

Niles Apple Festival Harvest Market: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., 17th and Lake streets, Niles; $5 parking; 683-8870 or fourflagsapplefestival.org

Emmanouel Fokianos: 1-3:30 p.m., **Rebecca Anne Band:** 4-6:30 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; $5; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Chris Burch: 3 p.m., **DaZed and ConfuZed:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outdoor pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Acorn Homegrown series presents The Jamie Wagner Band, Amis and Tristan Avakian: 5:30 p.m., a farm in the Three Oaks area; $30-$55; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Steve Michaels: 6 p.m., Lehman's Farmhouse, 204 N. Red Bud Trail, Buchanan; 362-4063 or www.lehmansfarmhouse.com

Photo provided

The Mendel Center will present "Ben Seidman: Camera Tricks" at 8 p.m. Saturday. The livestreamed show is limited to 100 tickets.

"An Evening in the Park" with the School of American Music featuring Martha Cares: 6-8 p.m., Dewey Cannon Park, East Maple Street, Three Oaks; $50 (limit 100 people); 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com

Jimmy Fastiggi: 6-9 p.m., Tosi's Restaurant, 4337 Ridge Road, Stevensville; 429-3689 or www.tosis.com

Exit 41: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

The Two Renegades: 6:30-9:30 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph (outdoors); 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

Czar's 505 presents Trash Can Cocktail: 7-10 p.m., Sandbar & Grille patio, 2701 Lakeshore Drive, St. Joseph; 983-1166 or www.czars.com

Andrews University presents "Courage + Resilience: A Global Celebration of Andrews Concert" (livestreamed via Facebook): 8 p.m., 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu, www.facebook.com/AndrewsUniversityMusic

The Mendel Center presents "Ben Seidman: Camera Tricks": 8 p.m.; livestreamed via Zoom (100 passes available); $27.50; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Andy Sutton Trio: 8-11 p.m., Casey's New Buffalo, 136 N. Whittaker St., New Buffalo; 469-6400 or www.caseysnewbuffalo.com

Encore Drive-In Nights featuring Kane Brown with Granger Smith, Jimmie Allen and Lauren Alaina: 9 p.m, Sunset Drive-In, 69071 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford, and 5 Mile Drive-In, 28190 M-152, Dowagiac; $56-$76 per car (up to six people); www.ticketmaster.com/encore-kane brown

SUNDAY

The Remedy: 2-5 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; free; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Chris Behre: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Jamileh Cornejo: 3 p.m., Converge Community Church, 601 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo; free; 409-1191 or schoolofamericanmusic.com

A Girl & A Guy: 3-6 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

Harbor Light Brewery presents Dan Geib (via Facebook): 4-6 p.m.; free; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com, www.facebook.com/harborlightbrewery

Drive-In Concert Series featuring Alex Holycross and Erin Zindle, John Latini and Mike Talbot: 6 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center parking lot, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $10 per person, up to six people per vehicle; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Jack Adams: 6-9 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

Niles Apple Festival Harvest Market: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., see Saturday

TUESDAY

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

WEDNESDAY

Opening reception for "To the Polls: Elections & Politics in Berrien County": 5:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

THURSDAY

Lexi Adams: 6-9 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

The Mendel Center presents "Remote Control: A Virtual Mind Reading Experiment" with Max Major (virtual show): 8 p.m.; $33; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

OCT. 2

Jimmy Fastiggi: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **Rob Yocom:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Karoke with DJ Dale Owen: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

A Girl & A Guy: 7-10 p.m., Jay's Bar, 3025 S. 11th St., Niles; 684-8353 or jayslounge.food96.com

"Remote Control: A Virtual Mind Reading Experiment" with Max Major (virtual show): see Thursday

OCT. 3

River Valley Antique Power Association Fall Festival and Swap Meet: 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 7816 Warren Woods Road, Three Oaks; www.facebook.com/River-Valley-Antique-Power-Association

CheckMark Sallie: 3 p.m., **Michael Paterson:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Wizard of Oz: Dance Arts Revue 2020: 3-5 p.m., Lakeshore Community Auditorium, 5771 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville; 429-5711 or www.dancearts-sdt.com

The Acorn Theater Anywhere presents Brass From the Past with opener Emma Hamel: 5 p.m., the Indiana Dunes area; $50-$75; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Ed Skjordal: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Cap'n Funk and the Groove Train: 8-11 p.m., The Strand, 93415 County Road 690, Dowagiac (outdoors); 424-7500 or www.strandbrewery.com

"Remote Control: A Virtual Mind Reading Experiment" with Max Major (virtual show): see Thursday

OCT. 4

Mark Ficks: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

OCT. 5

Him + Her Worship: 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville; free; 429-5141 or www.stpaulswels.org

OCT. 6

Trivia Tuesday: 7:30 p.m., Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

OCT. 8

Thursday Night Talks: Growing Up House of David: 6:30-8 p.m., History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

OCT. 9

Kody Bryant: 3 p.m., **The Juniors:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Jimmy Fastiggi: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Michael McIntosh: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

OCT. 10

Harvest & Wine Festival: noon-11 p.m., North Whitaker Street, New Buffalo; 888-660-6222 or www.newbuffalo.org

Spooky State Street Tour hosted by the History Center at Courthouse Square: 1-4 p.m., Bear Park, Market and State streets, St. Joseph; $10 adults, $5 children; tours every half hour, 20 people maximum per tour; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

Imphormal: 3 p.m., **Keith Semple:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's Hard Rock Cafe, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Shelby Lentz: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

The Acorn Theater Anywhere presents Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts: 7 p.m., Fernwood Botanical Garden and Nature Preserve, 13988 Range Line Road, Niles; $75; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra fall concert (livestreamed via Facebook): 8 p.m. 471-3560 or howard.andrews.edu, www.facebook.com/AndrewsUniversityMusic

Arclight Brewing Co., 544 N. Main St., Watervliet; 332-0718 or www.arclightbrewing.com

ART EXHIBITS

"Rightfully Hers": through today; North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org

"Human Interest: Four Figurative Sculptures" (outdoors): through Oct. 17, **"Artists As Influencers: Pathways in Glass"** and **"Shelter-in-Place" (virtual and in-person exhibits):** through Nov. 29, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"Fantastical Flora and Fauna" (virtual exhibit): through Nov. 7, South Haven Center for the Arts, 600 Phoenix St., South Haven; free; 637-1041 or southhavenarts.org

"To the Polls: Elections & Politics in Berrien County": Thursday through Nov. 22, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"The Keepers of the Fire: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi": through summer 2021; The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "A Chef's Voyage": $10; **"Blackbird":** $9.99; **"Desert One":** $4.99 for 3-day rental; **"August Virgin":** $12; **"Made in Bangladesh":** $12; **"Jazz on a Summer's Day":** $10 for 5 days; **"River City Drumbeat":** $12 for 3 days; **"Out Stealing Horses":** $12 for 3 days, Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

ATTRACTIONS

Niles Scream Park: 8-11 p.m. today and Saturday; 7-11 p.m. Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31; 7-10 p.m. Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 6-7; Niles Scream Park, 855 Mayflower Road, Niles; $5-$15 individual attraction tickets, $28-$45 combination packages; 687-3327 or www.haunted.org

Submissions for The Guide must include day, time, location with address, admission cost and contact info. Email to focus@TheHP.com, or mail to Focus, The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085. For additions, subtractions or corrections, email Andy Steinke at asteinke@TheHP.com.

IN BRIEF

SH Center for the Arts opens new exhibit tonight

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven Center for the Arts will hold a virtual opening from 5-6 p.m. today for its new exhibit, "Fantastical Flora and Fauna."

The regional juried exhibit will be on display online through Nov. 7.

To register for the opening reception, which will be via Zoom, visit bit.ly/32X6HKU. Artists will speak about their work, and prizes will be awarded.

This year, the SHCA is focusing on Frida Kahlo's garden at Casa Azul. In celebration of Mexican culture, her garden is full of plants and animals native to her home country. In her studio, she painted still life and self-portraits exploding with the colors and shapes of these plants and animals.

Artists from Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin will give locals a glimpse into the gardens of their imaginations centered around the the theme of Kahlo's work.

Juror Stephanie Lewis Robertson picked 55 pieces of artwork for the exhibit from about 200 submissions.

This year's first-place winner is "St. Persephone (Medical Trials of the Saints)" by MANDEM. Gemma Fletcher's "Beginnings of Fall" took second, and Christine B. Miller won third for "Till Death Don't Us Part ... Pushin' Up Daisies/Roses 4U4Ever."

Honorable mentions were awarded to Samatha Earley for "Now by Nancy DeJoy," Robin Haller for "Flora and Fauna in Your Heart" and Anna Wooden for "The Magician's Door."

For more info, visit www.southhavenarts.org or call 637-1041.

Mendel Center presents trickster Ben Seidman

BENTON HARBOR — The Mendel Center will present an online event, "Ben Seidman: Camera Tricks," at 8 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets for the interactive livestreamed show start at $27.50, and can be purchased online at www.themendelcenter.com or by calling the box office at 927-8700, option 1.

Only 100 tickets will be sold for the Zoom-based show.

For an additional $15, a VIP package is available, which includes a post-show meet-and-greet and a magic trick demo/tutorial download.

The hour-long show will be packed with magic, comedy and sleight of hand. Seidman has recently appeared on Netflix's "Brainchild" and "Penn & Teller: Fool Us."

Max Major to perform for virtual Mendel show

BENTON HARBOR — For three nights next week, the Mendel Center will present "Remote Control: A Virtual Mind Reading Experiment" with Max Major.

The virtual shows, via Zoom, will start at 8 p.m. Oct. 1-3.

Limited tickets for the livestreamed show start at $30, and can be purchased online at www.themendelcenter.com or by calling the box office at 927-8700, option 1.

"Remote Control" is a hands-on experience hosted by Major, a mentalist who just wrapped up a run on "America's Got Talent."

The intrigue will kick off before the show even begins when audience members receive a top secret package in the mail. It must remain sealed until the show begins. Once opened, its contents help unleash real-life Jedi mind tricks that fuel the evening.

Dubbed the "real-life Sherlock Holmes," Major also has appeared on "Today."

An expert in body language, influence and reading people, Major has been called before two Department of Defense Intelligence Agencies to demonstrate his innovative techniques, earning him the reputation as "the human lie detector."

hp SPORTS

SCOREBOARD

BOYS TENNIS

ST. JOSEPH 5, NEW PRAIRIE 3

Singles — 1. Nick Boyd (NP) d. Justice Waldman 7-6, 6-2; 2. Wrigley Hemphill (NP) d. Grant Banasik 6-4, 6-1; 3. Athan Gregory (SJ) d. Jacob Hannon 6-2, 6-2; 4. Tyler Romano (SJ) d. Wreese Hemphill 6-0, 6-0.
Doubles – 1. Josh Ferrell-Cotton Kizhem (NP) d. Owen Faulkner-Ani Anirudh 6-2, 6-1; 2. Levi Beam-Harsh Gupta (SJ) d. Jackson Paarlberg-Grady Lapizynski 6-2, 2-6, 6-2; 3. Nick Clancy-Ilo Coar (SJ) d. Matthew Spahn-Walter Setmayer 6-1, 6-1; 4. Kevin Rutz-Prosper Waldman (SJ) d. Ray Woodham-Colton VanVossan 6-2, 6-2.

BOYS SOCCER

MATTAWAN 5, LAKESHORE 0

Goals — Connor Burkett 2, Jack Elms 2, Josh Filiputti.
Saves – Noah Dietrich (L) 11.
Halftime – Mattawan 2-0.
Records – Lakeshore 2-3-2.

COLOMA 2, BRIDGMAN 1

Goals — Coloma: Brodie McQuillan, Fletcher Todd.
Shots – Coloma 10, Bridgman 5.
Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 4.
Halftime – Coloma 2-0.

NILES 8, CASSOPOLIS 0

Goals — Kyle Bruckner, Dominic Thorton 2, David Ntisful, Cade Vota 2, Casey Marlin, Alejandro Rios.
Assists – Vota, Thorton, Marlin, Rios, Bruckner, Andrew Ntisful.
Saves – Antwan Whitelow 7.
Halftime – Niles 4-0.

VOLLEYBALL

KAL. CHRISTIAN D. WATERVLIET
25-21, 25-14, 25-18

Watervliet – Samantha Dietz 9 kills; Grace Chisek 13 assists.

MLB

American League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Tampa Bay	37	20	.649	—
z-New York	32	25	.561	5
z-Toronto	30	27	.526	7
Baltimore	23	33	.411	13½
Boston	22	34	.393	14½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Minnesota	35	22	.614	—
z-Chicago	34	23	.596	1
z-Cleveland	33	24	.579	2
Kansas City	23	33	.411	11½
Detroit	22	32	.407	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland	34	21	.618	—
Houston	28	28	.500	6½
Los Angeles	26	31	.456	9
Seattle	25	31	.446	9½
Texas	19	37	.339	15½

x-clinched division
z-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Angels 5, San Diego 2
Arizona 7, Texas 3
Cleveland 3, Chicago White Sox 2
Seattle 3, Houston 2
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Toronto 14, N.Y. Yankees 1
Boston 9, Baltimore 1
Kansas City 12, St. Louis 3
Minnesota 7, Detroit 6
Oakland 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday's Games
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Toronto 4, N.Y. Yankees 1
Baltimore at Boston
Detroit at Kansas City
Houston at Texas
Oakland at L.A. Dodgers

Friday's Games
Baltimore (López 2-1) at Toronto (Walker 4-3), 6:37 p.m.
Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2), 6:40 p.m.
Miami (Alcantara 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Happ 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Mazza 1-2) at Atlanta (Wright 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 1-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
Detroit (Turnbull 4-3) at Kansas City (Keller 4-3), 8:05 p.m.
Houston (Urquidy 1-1) at Texas (Cody 1-1), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Darvish 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mahle 2-2) at Minnesota (Berríos 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), 9:40 p.m.
Seattle (Kikuchi 2-4) at Oakland (Bassitt 5-2), 9:40 p.m.

National League
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Atlanta	34	22	.607	—
Miami	28	28	.500	6
Philadelphia	28	29	.491	6½
New York	26	31	.456	8½
Washington	23	34	.404	11½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Chicago	32	25	.561	—
Cincinnati	29	28	.509	3
St. Louis	27	26	.509	3
Milwaukee	27	28	.491	4
Pittsburgh	18	39	.316	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Los Angeles	39	17	.696	—
z-San Diego	34	22	.607	5
San Francisco	28	28	.500	11
Colorado	25	31	.446	14
Arizona	22	34	.393	17

x-clinched division
z-clinched playoff berth

Wednesday's Games
L.A. Angels 5, San Diego 2
Philadelphia 12, Washington 3
Arizona 7, Texas 3
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 1
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Mets 5
Atlanta 9, Miami 4
Kansas City 12, St. Louis 3
Oakland 6, L.A. Dodgers 4
San Francisco 7, Colorado 2

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, Chicago Cubs 0
Colorado 5, San Francisco 4, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 3, Washington 2
Miami at Atlanta
Milwaukee at St. Louis
Oakland at L.A. Dodgers

Friday's Games
St. Louis (Flaherty 4-2) at Milwaukee (Lindblom 2-3), 5:15 p.m., 1st game
N.Y. Mets (Porcello 1-6) at Washington (Scherzer 4-4), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Senzatela 5-2) at Arizona (Gallen 2-2), 6:40 p.m., 1st game
Philadelphia (Velasquez 1-1) at Tampa Bay (Morton 2-2), 6:40 p.m.
Miami (Alcantara 3-2) at N.Y. Yankees (Happ 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Mazza 1-2) at Atlanta (Wright 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Keller 1-1) at Cleveland (Carrasco 3-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Lamet 3-1) at San Francisco (Anderson 3-3), 7:10 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs (Darvish 7-3) at Chicago White Sox (Cease 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mahle 2-2) at Minnesota (Berríos 5-3), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (TBD) at St. Louis (Ponce de Leon 0-3), 8:45 p.m., 2nd game
L.A. Angels (Heaney 4-3) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 6-2), 9:40 p.m.
Colorado (TBD) at Arizona (Clarke 2-0), 10:10 p.m., 2nd game
San Francisco (TBD) at San Diego (Paddack 4-4), 10:40 p.m., 2nd game

Kim Klement / AP

Then-Oklahoma City coach Billy Donovan reacts on the sideline during the first half of a game against the Washington Wizards on Aug. 9 in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

New opportunity

Billy Donovan wasn't really looking for another job. Bulls called him up anyway

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bulls weren't on Billy Donovan's radar when he and the Oklahoma City Thunder parted ways after five successful seasons.

Things sure changed in a hurry.

"I wasn't looking at anything," Donovan said. "It was five great years in Oklahoma City. I think it's always emotional when you leave a place that you enjoyed working with the people you were working with. I was around some terrific people in the organization, tremendous players. You're just kind of decompressing. So this kind of came out of left field for me."

The Bulls introduced Donovan as their coach on Thursday, two days after they announced they landed arguably the most attractive candidate on the market to help turn around a struggling team with new management.

Donovan goes from working with stars such as Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook and Paul George and Chris Paul to trying to lift a franchise with one playoff appearance in five seasons. He was 243-157 with the Thunder and led them to the playoffs each season.

Donovan was a finalist for NBA Coach of the Year this season after Oklahoma City outperformed expectations. He split with the Thunder on Sept. 8 after he couldn't get the assurances he wanted from general manager Sam Presti.

On Thursday, he pushed back on the idea that he was against coaching a rebuilding team, pointing out he built a powerhouse at Florida before he moved to the NBA.

"That was really never, ever about it for me," he said. "It was a lot more important for me, knowing that my time had ended there, what was going to be the environment, the situation going forward. I've never really ever talked about that at all. I do feel like Oklahoma City was incredibly open and honest with me."

He said he was "very positive" feelings from his time with the Thunder. Once he became available, the Bulls wasted no time making it clear they wanted him.

Donovan met in person with Karnisovas and Marc Eversley for 5 ½ hours to get the process in gear. He later had a long discussion with chairman Jerry Reinsdorf and COO Michael Reinsdorf.

And when Donovan accepted the job, Karnisovas said, "I could not stop smiling."

Hiring Donovan was a rare big and bold move for the Bulls. It also hammered home they have a different vision now for building a contending team. With the players they have and future cap space available, they believe they are in position.

They expected to make a big jump behind Zach LaVine and Lauri Markkanen, only to stumble to their second straight 22-win season.

They were 11th in the Eastern Conference when play was stopped because of the pandemic, and were among the eight teams not invited to the restart in Florida. The Bulls missed the playoffs for the fourth time in five years and fired coach Jim Boylen.

"When we sat down and talked about the roster, I thought this roster was too talented for what they showed the last two years," Karnisovas said. "They have a lot of potential, and we kind of agreed there's a good mix of young players and vets, from (draft) picks to cap space in the future to build this team. On both sides, I think there was a lot of optimism looking at the roster.

"We spent a lot of time talking to Billy about offense, about defense, about the way he values relationships and how he rallies players around him, and how he values relationships with players and gets a buy-in from them," he said.

Donovan said he was "taken aback" by Karnisovas' vision and is looking forward to "working hand in hand" with him. That's something they haven't done before. They don't really know each other, but they have mutual friends in P.J. Carlesimo – Karnisovas' coach at Seton Hall – and USA Basketball national team director Sean Ford.

"From building the front office to now going after Billy – from Billy's resume to being just a great human being – I'm going to go after best available regardless of my relationship with the person," Karnisovas said. "I'll do all the background checks to make sure that I'm getting the right guy. Billy was the guy for us."

Pac-12 football season to kick off in November, 7-game slate

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

The Pac-12 set a Nov. 6 start date Thursday for a seven-game football season, following the Big Ten in overturning an August decision to postpone until spring because of concerns about playing through the pandemic.

With the conference having secured daily COVID-19 testing for its athletes and having been given the green light from some state and local health officials in California and Oregon, the Pac-12 university presidents voted unanimously to lift a Jan. 1 moratorium on athletic competition.

The Pac-12's men's and women's basketball seasons can start Nov. 25, in line with the NCAA's recently announced opening date. The football championship game is set for Dec. 18 – along with other cross-division games that weekend – putting the conference in play for College Football Playoff and New Year's Six Bowl selection.

A major college football season that six weeks ago seemed to be in peril, slowly crumbling away, is reforming and has a chance to be almost whole by November. The Big Ten reversed course last week, with kickoff scheduled for the weekend of Oct. 24.

The Mountain West presidents were meeting Thursday night to discuss a possible late October start to the football season and the Mid-American Conference, the first FBS league to postpone, is also reconsidering playing in the fall.

The Southeastern Conference begins play this weekend, joining the Big 12, Atlantic Coast Conference and three others that have been up and running for weeks.

The season is ongoing but it has been anything but normal. There have been 21 games postponed or canceled since Aug. 26 because of teams battling various levels of COVID-19-related issues.

This week, four games scheduled to be played Saturday have been called off, including Notre Dame at Wake Forest because of a virus outbreak among Fighting Irish players.

The turning point for the return of fall sports for the Pac-12 came this month when it entered an agreement with a diagnostic testing company that will give each school the capability to conduct daily antigen tests on their athletes.

Daily testing should also decrease the number of athletes who end up in quarantine after coming into what would be considered a high-risk contact with someone who has tested positive.

The Pac-12 said its decision to restart sports is subject to approval from state and local public health officials.

Indians beat Chisox for 4-game sweep, playoff seeds at stake

By BRIAN DULIK
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — José Ramírez delivered a go-ahead, two-run double in the seventh inning and the Cleveland Indians beat the Chicago White Sox 5-4 Thursday night for a four-game sweep in a match-up of playoff-bound teams.

Indians 5, White Sox 4

The victory pulled the Indians within one game of Chicago for the fourth seed and home-field advantage in the first round of the postseason. Idle Minnesota leads the White Sox by one game in the AL Central with three to play.

The Indians have won five straight and the White Sox have lost five in a row.

Chicago scored three times in the top of the seventh to take a 4-1 lead, but Cleveland answered with four in the bottom half. Ramírez's two-out double to center off Carlos Rodón (0-2) drove in César Hernández and Delino DeShields.

On Tuesday night, Ramírez hit a three-run homer with two outs in the 10th inning to lift Cleveland over the White Sox 5-3 to clinch a playoff spot.

AL MVP candidate Ramírez went 2 for 3 in the series finale and is hitting .485 with eight homers and 20 RBIs over his last 13 games.

Cam Hill (2-0) worked 1 ⅓ scoreless innings for the win and Brad Hand pitched the ninth for his AL-high 15th save in 15 chances.

White Sox starter Dallas Keuchel allowed one run in six innings in his second start since a stint on the injured list with back spasms. The left-hander went 1-0 with a 0.45 ERA in four September outings, lowering his season mark to 1.99, second-best in the AL.

Indians right-hander Zach Plesac went 6 ⅔ innings, surrendering four runs and striking out seven. He was chased in the seventh after Nomar Mazara singled home two runs, which was preceded by an RBI groundout by Yasmani Grandal.

Yolmer Sánchez hit his first homer since July 19, 2019, to put the White Sox up 1-0 in the third. It was the first run scored by Chicago against Plesac in 16 ⅓ innings this season.

White Sox OF Luis Robert, who is mired in a 0-for-28 slump and doesn't have a hit since Sept. 15, was not in the lineup.

The 23-year-old Cuban leads all rookies with 30 RBIs and is tied for first with 11 homers, but has just six hits in his last 70 at-bats (.086).

"The reality is you have a young man coming into the big leagues, and no matter how talented you are, you hit a wall," manager Rick Renteria said. "Nobody wants to see the wall be hit, but you hit a wall."

The White Sox fell out of the division lead for the first time since Sept. 4 when they lost 3-2 at Cleveland on Wednesday.

Tony Dejak / AP

Chicagos Yoan Moncada, right, scores as Cleveland's Roberto Perez stands near the plate during the seventh inning of Thursday's game.

Slumping Cubs lose again to Pirates

By JOHN PERROTTO
Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Chad Kuhl pitched seven sharp innings and Colin Moran and Bryan Reynolds each homered in three-hit games in the Pittsburgh Pirates' 7-0 victory over the slumping Chicago Cubs on Thursday.

Pirates 7, Cubs 0

Kuhl (2-3) retired the first nine batters and had a no-hitter until Anthony Rizzo doubled to the wall in right-center with one out in the sixth inning.

The right-hander finished his comeback season on a strong note. He allowed two hits, struck out five hits and gave up three walks. He sat out last season while rehabbing after Tommy John surgery.

"If felt great," Kuhl said. "Obviously, you want to finish strong, and it just worked out. I think in just a short time this season I was able to make strides with everything, mound presence and stuff like that, that has not always been great."

The Cubs, who clinched a postseason berth Tuesday, are stumbling toward the playoffs with five losses in six games.

They have scored two or fewer runs in each of the five defeats.

Chicago's magic number for clinching the NL Central remained two with three days left in the regular season. The Cubs' only other hit was Jason Kipnis' double in the seventh.

"I'd prefer to flush this one, to be honest with you. Throw it in the trash and start again tomorrow," manager David Ross said. "It (stinks) right now that we're not playing really well but we have to come back tomorrow with our lunch pail and go to work. Our guys have done a good job of that all year."

Chicago concludes its regular season this weekend with a three-game series at the crosstown White Sox, which begins Friday night.

Moran connected in the first inning to open the scoring and Reynolds homered in the second off Alec Mills (5-5).

The Pirates got a third solo homer in the third inning from Adam Frazier to move in front 3-0 and Josh Bell hit a two-run blast in the fifth off Kyle Ryan that pushed the lead to 6-0.

BEETLE BAILEY

A BEER FOR ME AND ANOTHER FOR OTTO, PLEASE
YOUR LITTLE FRIEND DOESN'T LOOK OLD ENOUGH. CAN I SEE SOME I.D.?
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GREG + MORT WALKER
DOG TAGS DON'T COUNT
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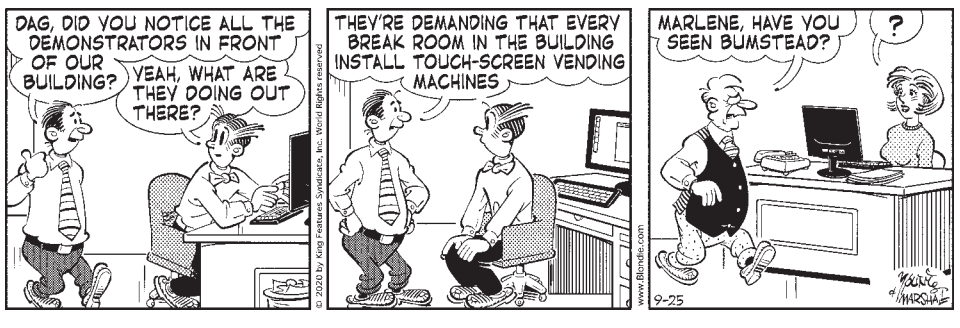
DAG, DID YOU NOTICE ALL THE DEMONSTRATORS IN FRONT OF OUR BUILDING?
YEAH, WHAT ARE THEY DOING OUT THERE?
THEY'RE DEMANDING THAT EVERY BREAK ROOM IN THE BUILDING INSTALL TOUCH-SCREEN VENDING MACHINES
MARLENE, HAVE YOU SEEN BUMSTEAD?
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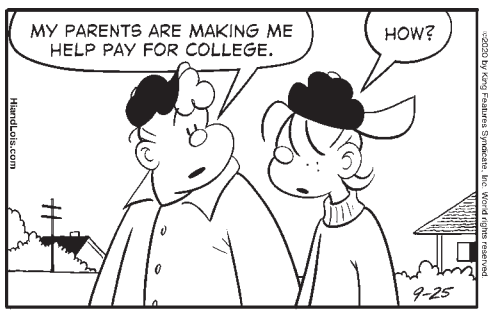

I HAVE TO SELL MY COMIC BOOK COLLECTION.
WOW! IS IT REALLY WORTH IT?
ERIC BANKS
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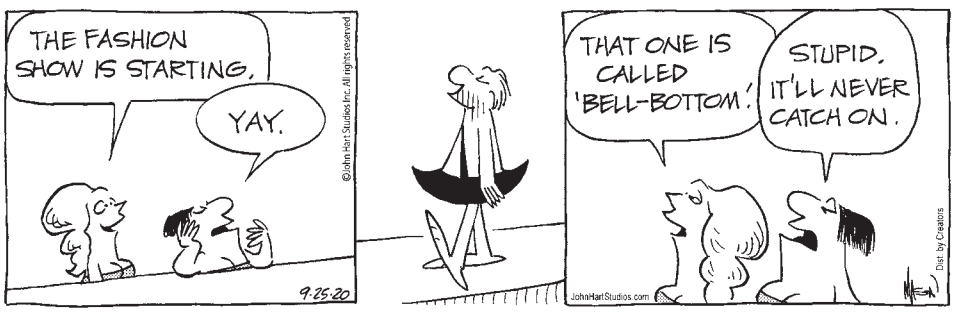

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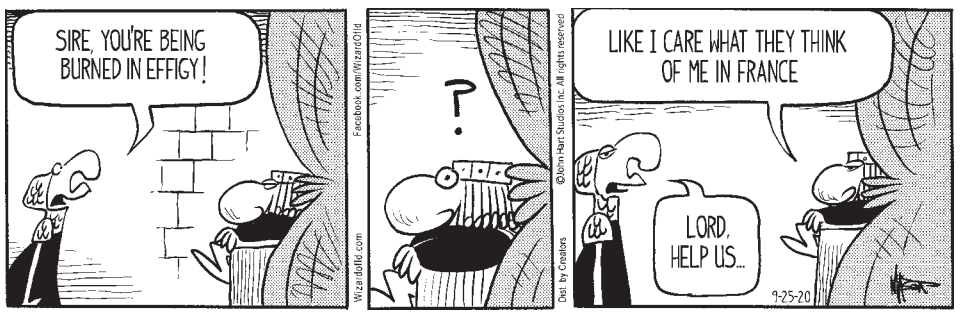

DILBERT

DO YOU THINK KARMA IS REAL?
NAH.
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE NEWEST MEMBER OF OUR TEAM. HIS NAME IS KARMA.
IF YOU NEED ME, I'LL BE HIDING.
I HEAR ONE OF YOU HAS BEEN BAD.
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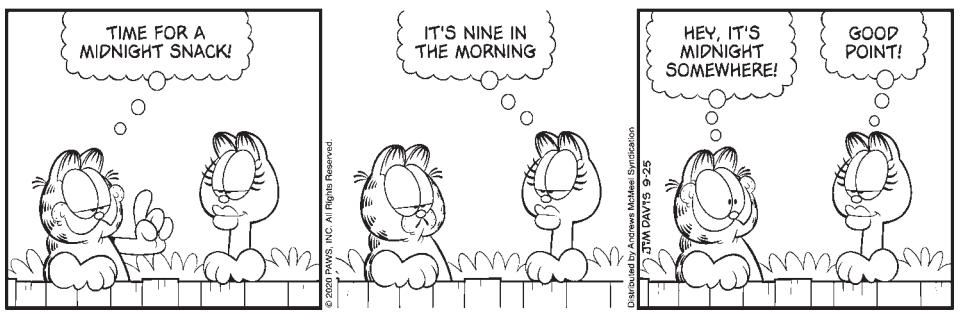
TIME FOR A MIDNIGHT SNACK!
IT'S NINE IN THE MORNING
HEY, IT'S MIDNIGHT SOMEWHERE!
GOOD POINT!
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FORT KNOX

ARE YOU OKAY, WESLEY?
NO...
KURT STOLE A NOTE THAT WAS GOING TO GET ME OUT OF SCIENCE CLASS!
OH RELAX.
I CAN EASILY GET YOU OUT ANOTHER WAY.
HOW?
BY SENDING YOU TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.
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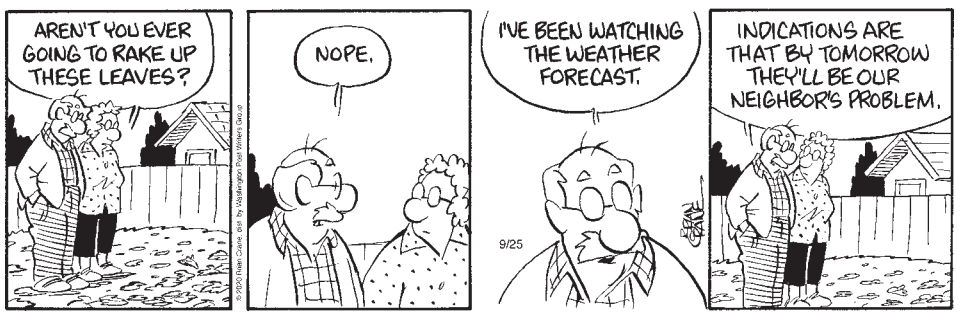
AREN'T YOU EVER GOING TO RAKE UP THESE LEAVES?
NOPE.
I'VE BEEN WATCHING THE WEATHER FORECAST.
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INDICATIONS ARE THAT BY TOMORROW THEY'LL BE OUR NEIGHBOR'S PROBLEM.
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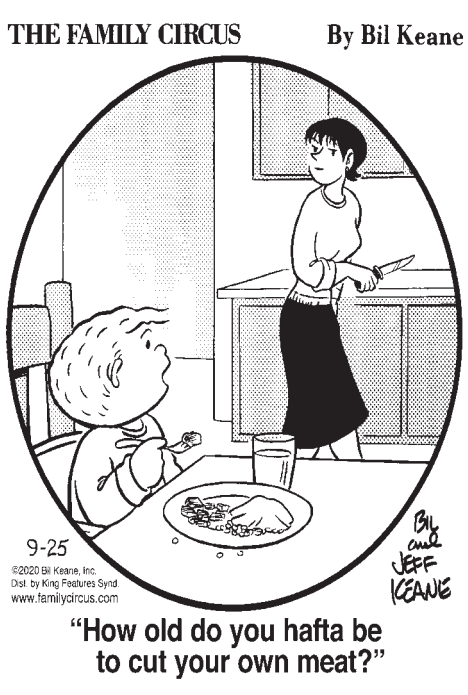
THE FAMILY CIRCUS
By Bil Keane
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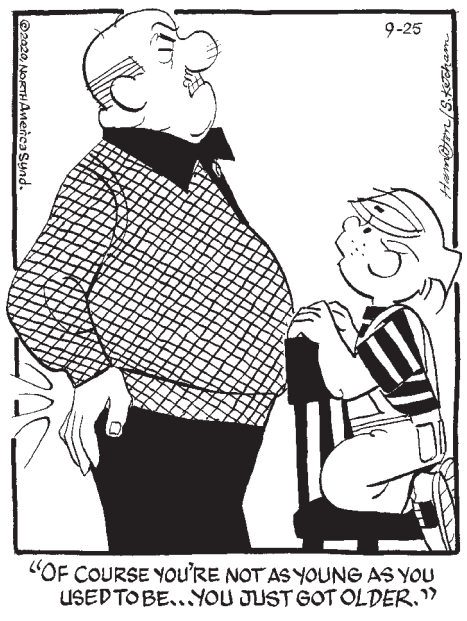
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"How old do you hafta be to cut your own meat?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

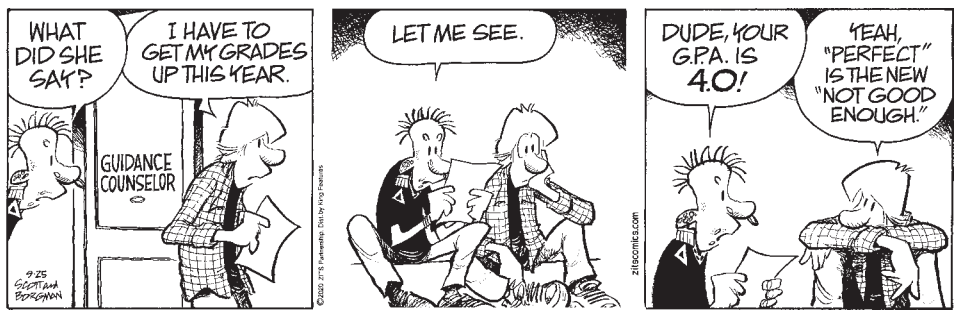


BABY BLUES

WHY ARE WE LETTING HIM GO?
FOR CONSERVATION.
WHEN WE CATCH A FISH, WE IMMEDIATELY SET IT FREE. IT'S CALLED "CATCH AND RELEASE."
I WISH MOM WOULD TRY THAT ON ME.
babyblues.com

CURTIS

ZITS


WHAT DID SHE SAY?
I HAVE TO GET MY GRADES UP THIS YEAR.
GUIDANCE COUNSELOR
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LET ME SEE.
DUDE, YOUR G.P.A. IS 4.0!
YEAH, "PERFECT" IS THE NEW "NOT GOOD ENOUGH."
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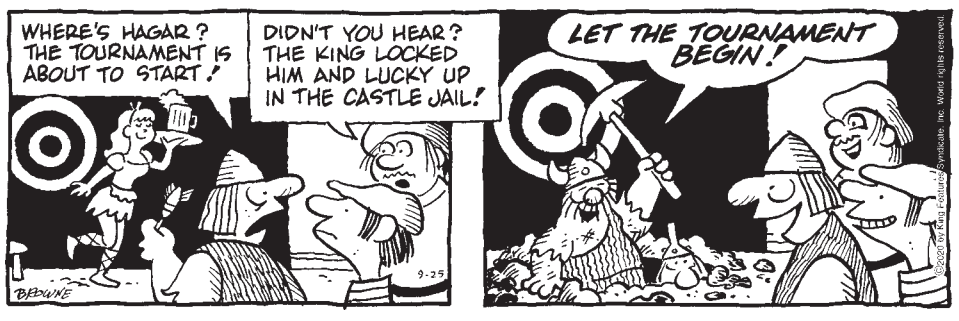
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


WHERE'S HAGAR? THE TOURNAMENT IS ABOUT TO START!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR? THE KING LOCKED HIM AND LUCKY UP IN THE CASTLE JAIL!
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LET THE TOURNAMENT BEGIN!
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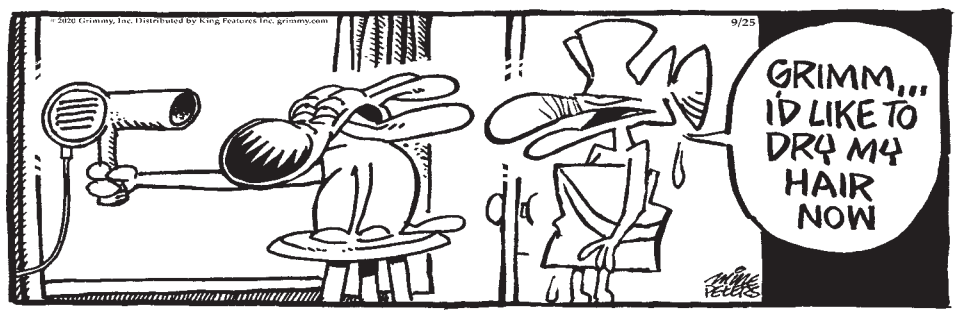
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM



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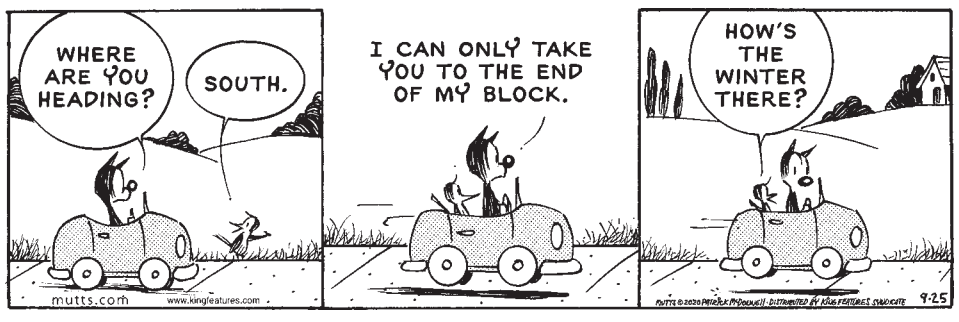

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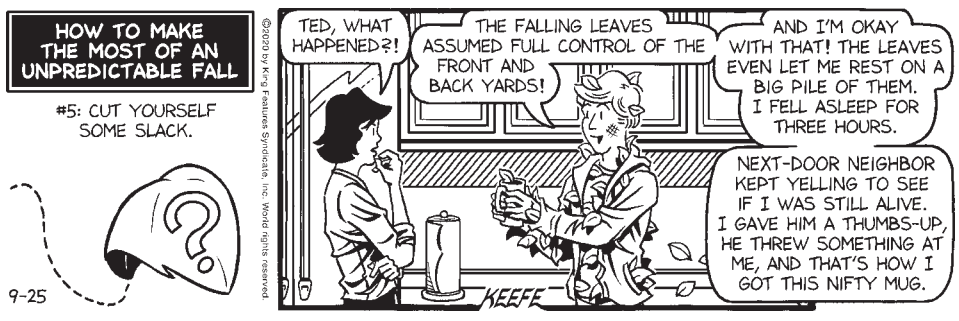
HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF AN UNPREDICTABLE FALL
#5: CUT YOURSELF SOME SLACK.
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TED, WHAT HAPPENED?!
THE FALLING LEAVES ASSUMED FULL CONTROL OF THE FRONT AND BACK YARDS!
AND I'M OKAY WITH THAT! THE LEAVES EVEN LET ME REST ON A BIG PILE OF THEM. I FELL ASLEEP FOR THREE HOURS.
NEXT-DOOR NEIGHBOR KEPT YELLING TO SEE IF I WAS STILL ALIVE. I GAVE HIM A THUMBS-UP, HE THREW SOMETHING AT ME, AND THAT'S HOW I GOT THIS NIFTY MUG.
KEEFE
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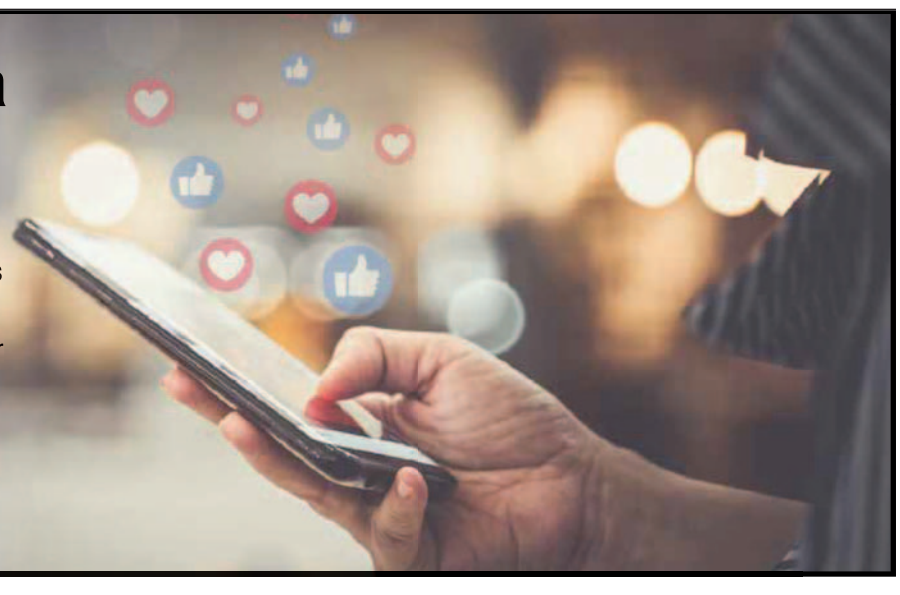

PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING SEP. 25

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	The Greatest AtHome Videos (N)		Love Island (N) CC		Blue Bloods CC (DVS)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	American Ninja Warrior "Qualifier 2" Jesse Labreck, Abel Gonzalez and more.				Dateline NBC ((SP)) (N)	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Black Journal	Washing-ton Week	Fir-ing-Hoover	Great Performances (N) CC		Art in the Twenty-First Century (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "A Bronx Tale" (N) CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heart-land	Heartland "Beyond Hell's Half Mile"		Highway to Heaven "All That Glitters"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish "Hope"	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	First 48: Case-Haunts Me		Live Rescue "Live Rescue -- 09.25.20" (N) CC			
AMC	5:30 Con Air	★★★ The Goonies ('85) Sean Astin. Young misfits find a 17th-century pirate's treasure map. CC					The Goonies
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				Mysteries of Deep	
BET	:00 ★★ ATL ('06) Tip Harris. CC					Payne	Payne
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Volleyball			Women's College Volleyball CC			
Bravo	He's Just Not	★★ Legally Blonde ('01, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson. CC				★★ Legally Blonde ('01) CC	
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	★ White Noise	★★★ John Wick: Chapter 3 -- Parabellum ('19) Keanu Reeves. (P). CC				:15 ★★ The Eagle ('11) CC	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 The Office CC		Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold "Up in Flames" (N) CC		:03 100 Days Wild "Hangry Days" (N)		:05 Homestead Rescue CC	
Disney	Frozen	New York-Heroez		Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug	Ladybug
DIY	Lakefront	Lakefront		Lakefront		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	:00 ★★ He's Just Not That Into You				He's Just Not That Into You		
ESPN	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics vs Miami Heat. (N)					
ESPN2	NFL Live	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox. (N) (L)					
ESPNC	:00 College Football			Classic-Boxing		NBA	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Tigers Lv.	MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Kansas City Royals. (N) (L)					
Freefrm	:00 ★★★ Brave ('12) Voices of Kelly Macdonald. CC			★★★ Tangled ('10, Children's) Voices of Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi. CC			
FX	Deadpool 2 ('18)	A Wilderness of Error Errol Morris is obsessed with a murder.			A Wilderness of Error (N) CC		Wilder-ness, Err
Golf	PGA Golf					PGA Golf	
Hallmark	All of My Heart	Christmas in Rome ('19, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Sam Page. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	★★ Pro-metheus	7:55 Lovecraft Country "Strange Case"		8:53 Lovecraft Country (Subtitled-English)		Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Mon	Deadly Jellyfish		Dngr. Primates		:03 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Fixer to	Dream	Dream	Selling	Selling	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	King of Queens	★★ The Holiday ('06) Cameron Diaz, Kate Winslet. Two women from different countries swap homes at Christmas. CC					
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox. (N) CC					
NFL	NFL Total	NFL GameDay View		NFL Fantasy Live		NFL GameDay View	
Nick	Casagran	Loud	Casagran	Unfiltered	Group	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Attack	Deadliest Jellyfish		Deep Sea Killers		Robber Crab	
Oxygen	Dateline: Secrets	Dateline: Secrets Uncovered (N) CC		Buried in the Backyard CC		Buried in the Backyard CC	
Parmt	Two Men	★★★ Beverly Hills Cop ('84) Eddie Murphy.					Beverly II
Showtime	:00 ★★ Road House ('89, Action) Patrick Swayze. CC			★★ Hot Summer Nights ('17, Suspense) Timothée Chalamet, Alex Roe. CC			
Starz	Black and Blue ('19)	★★★ The Amazing Spider-Man ('12, Action) Andrew Garfield, Emma Stone, Rhys Ifans. CC					:19 Vida CC
STZENC	What's Eating	★★ Young Guns ('88, Western) Emilio Estevez, Kiefer Sutherland. CC				9:50 ★★ Young Guns II ('90)	
SyFy	:10 ★★ Walking Tall ('04, Action) The Rock. CC (DVS)			★★★ Doctor Strange ('16) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. CC (DVS)			
TBS	:00 ★★ Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson.			:15 ★★ Pain & Gain ('13) Mark Wahlberg, Dwayne Johnson. CC (DVS)			
TCM	Child.-Damned	★★★ The Outlaw Josey Wales ('76, Western) Clint Eastwood, Chief Dan George, Sondra Locke. CC				Alvarez Kelly ('66)	
TMC	★ Pepper-mint	★ The Happytime Murders ('18) Melissa McCarthy.			:35 ★★ I Spy ('02) Eddie Murphy, Owen Wilson. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16, Action) Chris Evans.					
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 Chica-go P.D.	Chicago P.D. "Prison Ball" CC (DVS)		Chicago P.D. CC		Chicago P.D. CC (DVS)	
VH1	Devil	RuPaul's Drag Race		★★ Bring It On ('00) Kirsten Dunst.			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

What makes a food 'processed?'

DEAR DOCTOR: I know that processed foods aren't good for me and should be avoided, but I still have some questions. Could you please explain why they are unhealthy and provide some specific examples of such foods?

DEAR READER: Any food, when it's changed from its original form, can be considered to be processed. That includes chopped spinach in the frozen food aisle, yogurt in the dairy case or whole-grain bread from your local bakery. To set apart the highly manipulated, salty, fatty and sugary foods we've grown to love and crave, they've been given a category of their own: "ultra-processed" foods. These include the flavored puffs and chips in the snack aisle, luncheon meats, manufactured ice cream products, processed cheeses, boxed baking mixes, many prepackaged frozen entrees, the majority of fast food menus, candy, sodas and other sugary drinks, instant noodles, energy drinks and even so-called energy bars, to name just a few.

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

Ultra-processed foods have gone through multiple steps, such as milling, grinding, dehydrating, frying, rolling, rehydrating and extruding. They also include a wide range of additives, which are used to arrive at a product that is markedly different from the original forms of its ingredients. Added salt, fats and sugars amp up flavor. Dyes are used to achieve a specific look. Ingredient lists often end with tongue twisters of chemicals used to create a specific texture or mouthfeel, and to prevent spoilage. Food industry whistleblowers have long claimed that many ultra-processed foods are carefully formulated to spark cravings, encourage overeating and create brand loyalty.

When eaten in moderation as an occasional treat – heavy emphasis on "moderation" and "occasional" – these types of foods can be fine. It's when they become dietary staples that problems arise.

Our bodies are complex mechanisms. It takes a wide range of fresh foods to deliver the vitamins, minerals and other nutrients needed for optimal health. But ultra-processed foods are often low in fiber and nutrients. Many lean so hard on added salt to punch up flavor that a single serving puts a serious dent in your daily sodium budget. The empty calories of ultra-processed foods deliver unhealthful amounts of fat, salt and sugar, and they replace the healthful whole foods that truly feed the body. We now know that eating a diet high in these types of foods is linked to a range of illnesses, including increased risk of Type 2 diabetes, heart disease, stroke, obesity, depression, digestive issues, cancer and early death.

That said, it's also important to be realistic and find a diet you're able to follow long-term. Eating is pleasurable, and snack foods can be tasty and fun to eat. With that in mind, we advise our patients to aim for a diet that's 80 percent good, 20 percent cheat. For those with existing health issues, such as diabetes or hypertension, scale that back to 90 percent good and 10 percent cheat. Focus on healthful eating, but allow yourself the occasional naughty detour. You'll arrive at a dietary plan you can sustain – and that sustains you.

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Partner's meltdowns need a line drawn

DEAR CAROLYN: My partner has what I believe to be untreated anxiety (I am not a medical professional). Whatever the root cause, he often has varying levels of mini-meltdowns when things don't go exactly as he envisioned or fall short of his expectations.

I can mostly handle these moments, though they are often unpleasant.

However, at least a few times a month, my partner tries to kick me out of our shared bed to sleep on the couch because I am "giving him anxiety."

I hate this; if he needs to control his environment 100 percent, then he can choose to sleep on the couch. I took this stance last night, and he stormed off only to wake me up at 3 a.m. screaming to get out of the bed – which I eventually did, once I convinced him it was a concession I could make if only he asked politely and stopped framing it as the result of behavior on my part.

He is otherwise a loving, supportive partner and we are talking about our future together. I have begged him to get professional treatment, but he flat-out refuses to see a doctor. He is a small-business owner and I believe the economic crisis from the pandemic is exacerbating his symptoms.

Carolyn Hax

Is there anything I can do here beyond leaving the relationship? I do love him deeply. – Anonymous

Dear Anonymous: I am so sorry.

Small-business owners are under enormous stress right now. And while I, too, am without credentials, I have spent time with anxiety up close and it does indeed rob people of their flexibility to handle the disappointing and unexpected.

But we can be sympathetic without subjecting ourselves to people who take their stress out on us and allow their emotions to go unchecked. He can't fix the economy or the pandemic and he didn't choose a mental-health challenge.

However, the way he treats you is right before his eyes. He can hear himself blaming you and kicking you out of bed. He can see you suffer from his actions.

This is where the line has to be.

Even well-meaning people can make mistakes or fix on irrational things. We can love imperfect people because there is no other kind. That's why we have to look to their actions *after* a mistake or misbehavior for cues to what to do next.

I'm not even talking apologies, because those can be insincere, self-serving, abuse-perpetuating. I mean this:

1. Recognition of harm done;

2. Acceptance of responsibility for their own actions and feelings;

3. *Absence of a pattern*. If you're tiptoeing around something? Pattern.

If there is a pattern of mistreatment, then: 4. Recognition of a need to change;

5. Willingness to humble oneself to the process of change – or else it's just a performance by someone committed (wittingly or un-) to doing the same harm;

6. Enough progress toward change to make a credible case it will happen.

To stay together without these, all of them, is for both of you to tolerate your harm.

And that's when you need to channel your inner Samantha and say, "I love you, but I love me more." ("Sex and the City," meet 2020. Yikes.) You can love your partner utterly and still need to leave, if you're the only one taking care of you.

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61 Almost-grads
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3 Breakfast grain
4 Long lock
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12 Synthetic fabrics
19 Pep up
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22 Tropical fruit
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46 Helpers
47 Large tubs
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49 Bad day for Caesar
50 Woman
53 First space lab
55 Nest-egg letters
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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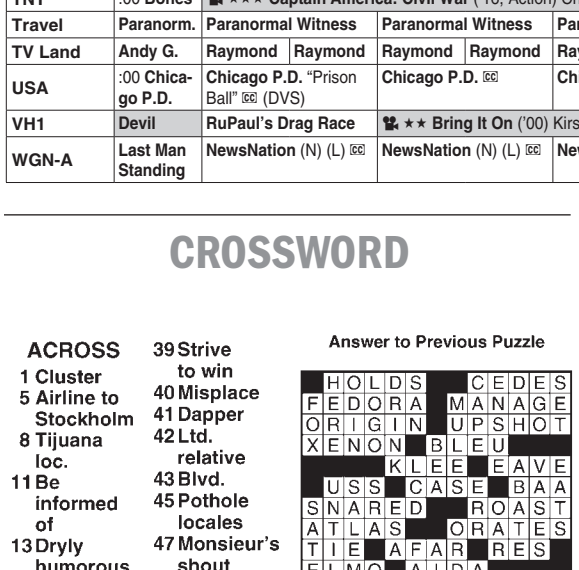

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

HUGLC

LETNK

TTEEIP

WABEER

Here it comes! We've got water!
Yes! I'll let the town know!
Boy did we all need this!
THEY SUCCESSFULLY DRILLED FOR WATER, AND IT HELPED WITH EVERYONE'S ---
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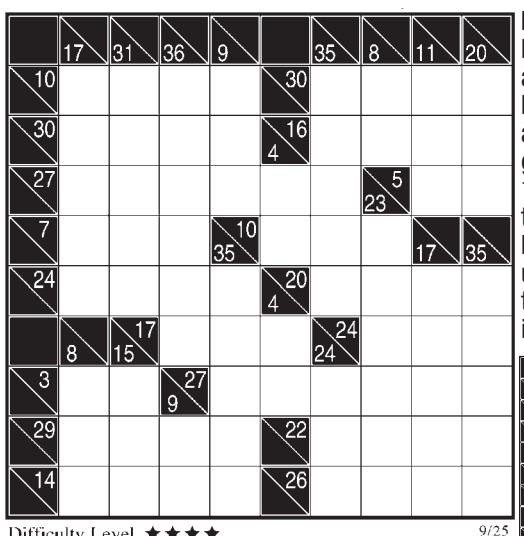
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

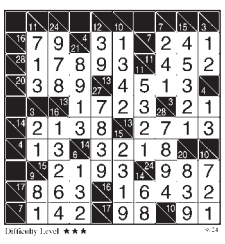
Yesterday's Jumbles: DIGIT DRIFT EXEMPT OBJECT
Answer: Getting ready to put on his best suit, he couldn't find his neckwear. He was — FIT TO BE TIED

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/25

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Abraham Lincoln said, "Tact is the ability to describe others as they see themselves."

One skill of a successful bridge player, especially one who plays a lot of Chicago or cut-in rubber bridge for money, is knowing the strengths and shortcomings of his opponents.

In today's deal, South is in four spades. West leads his singleton heart. East wins with his ace, cashes the diamond ace, then gives his partner a heart ruff. West exits with a diamond. How should South continue?

When North responded with a transfer bid, East doubled to show heart length and strength. South's jump to three spades was a superaccept, promising four-card support. But with 4-3-3-3 distribution, it was an overbid. He should have had a doubleton somewhere.

South must draw trumps without losing another trick. But how? He needs to know the skill level of East. If he is a beginner, declarer is none the wiser. He has to guess what to do. But if East is an expert, South should draw an important conclusion.

Why did East cash the diamond ace? Why didn't he give West his heart ruff at trick two, get back in with the diamond ace and give his partner a second ruff to defeat the contract?

The only logical answer is that East knows West has only one trump and that defense will expose the spade position when West does not ruff at trick four.

So, after winning trick four on the board, South should run the spade 10 through East. When West does discard, as expected, declarer draws trumps and claims.

North 09-25-20
♠ 10 9 8 7 5
♥ K J 4
♦ Q J 9
♣ K J

West
♠ 6
♥ 3
♦ 8 7 6 5 3
♣ 9 8 7 6 5 2

East
♠ Q J 3
♥ A 10 9 7 5 2
♦ A 4
♣ Q 10

South
♠ A K 4 2
♥ Q 8 6
♦ K 10 2
♣ A 4 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♥	Dbl.
3♠	Pass	4♠	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 3

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

4		5		3	2		1	
	1		4	8				5
				7	1		2	
		9						
3		6		1		4		2
						6		
	6		1	9				
2				6	4		9	
	9		7	2		3		1

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

5	9	2	1	8	4	3	6	7
8	6	3	9	5	7	2	4	1
7	1	4	3	6	2	5	9	8
9	5	8	4	7	1	6	2	3
4	2	7	8	3	6	9	1	5
1	3	6	2	9	5	8	7	4
2	7	9	5	4	8	1	3	6
6	8	1	7	2	3	4	5	9
3	4	5	6	1	9	7	8	2

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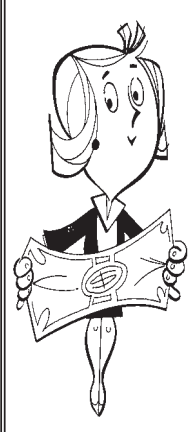

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Stay focused on what's important, and use your intelligence, charm and forceful persuasion to get what you want. The rewards will be great if you take control and do as you please. Stop giving in, and start taking over.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Deal with domestic problems quickly and efficiently. Think and act fast before someone has a chance to come between you and what you want. Stay in control, and do what pleases you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You are best to be a mediator, not a disruptor. Size up if current trends are influencing whatever situation you face. Act in good faith, and you'll get positive results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Expand your interests and circle of friends. Engage in intellectual changes, and enjoy the company of friends and family. Romance is on the rise and will bring you closer to the one you love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Don't let anyone push you in a direction you don't want to go. Make adjustments to your surroundings that will ensure you have a place to retreat. Make peace of mind your priority.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Handle joint finances or ventures with care. Arguing will not help you resolve issues. Make personal improvements, and nurture meaningful relationships.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) A change of plans will end up benefiting you if you remain calm. Finish what you start, and focus on health and fitness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) The less time you have to think about situations that irk you, the better. Anger and frustration will slow you down. Live in the moment, and focus on what you can accomplish, not the impossible.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Refuse to get involved in someone's investment. Put your time and money into what will help you get ahead, and do not stop until you are happy with the results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Get in touch with mentally stimulating people. The ideas you come up with will lead to a joint venture that can bring in extra cash. Don't share secrets someone trusted you to keep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Use your imagination, and rely on your intuition to help you find solutions. Refuse to let your emotions stand between you and doing what's right or best for everyone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Risk is not an option. Listen to what others have to offer, but when it comes to matters concerning business, reputation or position, take the most secure path. Make love a priority, and keep the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Do something you've never done. Reach out to someone who shares your interests. A shift in the way you live will lead to an unexpected opportunity. Older and younger people will offer insights.

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Legal Notice

Adoption of Zoning Ordinance Amendment

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a zoning ordinance regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the Township Board of Lake Charter Township, Berrien County, Michigan on August 18th, 2020. The new ordinance titled; Medical and Elderly Hardship Conditions is as follows:

To be added to the R-1, Single-family, R-2, Multi-family and the R-AG, Residential-Agriculture districts. A Special Land Use permit is required.

DEFINITIONS

Medical Hardship – An incapacitating injury or illness, diagnosed by a licensed medical physician, which requires on-going care by caregivers.

Caregiver – A family or paid helper who regularly looks after a sick, elderly or disabled person.

1. A home that meets all requirements for single-family dwelling under the Residential Building code and the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Shall be a family member of the property owner residing on said property. See under definitions – Family section 2.07 A & B.
3. Not to exceed one per property.
4. Recreational equipment and vehicles are not included in the definition of a home.
5. Shall be connected to water and sewer.
6. Shall meet all requirements of the district in which it is located.
7. Requires removal of the temporary dwelling within one year when a change of conditions under which the special land use permit was granted such as:
a. Relocation or death of the resident for whom the permit was issued.
b. Change in ownership of the property.

Copies of the newly adopted ordinance are available at the front desk for inspection during regular business hours

This ordinance will become effective upon publication.

Gloria Payne
Lake Charter Township Clerk

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City of Bridgman
NOTICE OF INTENT TO SELL PROPERTY AND ACCEPT SEALED BIDS

Pursuant to The Revised Charter of the City of Bridgman, Michigan, Section 2.5(3), on March 20, 2020, the City published a Notice of Intent to sell 1.3 acres of City-owned property located along Vineyard Street and adjacent to Toth Park (property identification # 56-0019-0145-14-1). This parcel shall be sold by sealed bid for a price not less than Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars ($28,000), which is the market value of the parcel.

A printed bid packet is available from Bridgman City Hall, at 9765 Maple Street, Bridgman, MI 49106, or at www.bridgman.org, or by calling the City Clerk at 269-465-5144.

The City will begin accepting sealed bids according to the process outlined in the printed bid packet starting September 25, 2020, through 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 15, 2020. Bid packets are to be completed and received in hand (no electronic bids accepted) by the City Clerk no later than Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 4 p.m. Bids will be opened by the City Manager at 9 a.m. on Friday, October 16, and the bids received will be included in the City Council Packet for Monday, October 19. The City Council anticipates making a decision on the bids at its regular City Council meeting on Monday, October 19, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Any questions can be directed to the City Clerk, Allyson Holm, at 269-465-5144.

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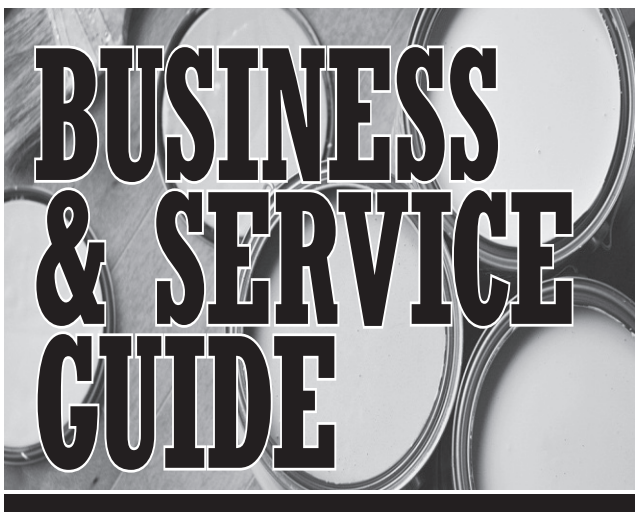

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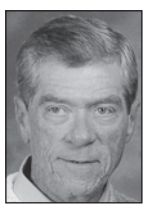
OBITUARIES

Jack Matthew Cronk

Aug. 29, 1944 – Sept. 22, 2020



Jack Matthew Cronk, 76, of St. Joseph passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center.

A private celebration of life service will be held at a later date at Riverview Cemetery, 2925 Niles Road, St Joseph. Memorials may be made to Caring Circle of Lakeland, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085 or the American Lung Association P.O. Box 11039, Lewiston, ME 04243.

Those wishing to sign Jack's Memory Book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services.

Jack was born Aug. 29, 1944, in Elkhart, Ind., to Jack and Lavere (Matthews) Cronk.

He graduated from Elkhart High school and then completed his education at Purdue University with a bachelors of science in industrial management.

On June 4, 1966, he married Diane Forry at St. Paul's Methodist Church in Elkhart. Jack worked for Whirlpool Corp. as an international steel buyer and retired after 37 years of service in 2001.

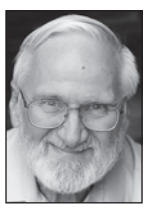
Jack enjoyed boating on Lake Michigan, duck hunting in Allegan and was a professional level water skier. He loved playing golf at Indian Lake Golf Course with the Missing Links and the Berrien County Golf League. Jack was a member of Fairplain Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor.

Jack is survived by his wife, Diane Cronk; son, Ryan (Deanna) Cronk of Caledonia, Mich.; grandsons: Matthew Cronk of Caledonia, Nathan Cronk of Ft Drum, N.Y., and Isaac Cronk of Caledonia; brother, Bill (Dorothy) Cronk of Zanesville, Ohio.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents and son Eric Cronk.

Marion Earl Getz

Aug. 16, 1943 – Sept. 20, 2020



Marion Earl Getz, 77, of Hartford passed away peacefully at home Sept. 20, 2020.

He was born Aug. 16, 1943, in Cassopolis, to Owen and Kate (Weddell) Getz.

He graduated from Bob Jones University and attended the Grand Rapids Seminary. He married Elaine O'Shields in 1971 in North Carolina and then moved the family to Hertford, England. During his 10 years at IBM, he and his team were instrumental in creating the barcode. He went on to create a company called Data Connection, with other entrepreneurial colleagues, and later formed his own company, Arroway Data, in Hartford.

He was a member of Midway Baptist Church. One of his much-loved scriptures says of Jesus: "And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12.

He is survived by his children: Stephanie Getz, Trevor Getz, Keun (Monica) Getz and David Sean (Candice) Pates; grandchildren: Emerson Marion Getz, Zaylea and Zayden Pates and their mother, Jessica Massie; his sister, Ellen Buttleman; and sister-in-law, Faye Kirsten.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers: Jesse and Arthur Getz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 26, at Midway Baptist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wake Enterprises Inc., in honor of his nephew, Billy O'Shields, who works at the vocational rehabilitation organization for special needs adults. Wake Enterprises Inc., 3548 Bush St., Raliegh, NC 27609. www.wake-enterprises.org.

You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Marion's family at hutchins funeral.com.

Kurt Gersonde

April 13, 1964 – Aug. 4, 2020

It is with great sorrow that we mourn the loss of our brother, Kurt H. Gersonde.

Born on April 13, 1964, he passed away in early August 2020, at the age of 56.

Kurt graduated from St. Joseph High School where he was involved with baseball and football. He went on to graduate from Michigan State University where he also played baseball and was a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity.

Kurt held a variety of jobs over the years starting at Whirlpool and finishing up in the hospitality business.

Kurt was very passionate about hunting, fishing, cooking and sharing time with family and friends. He loved to converse with all! He was a compassionate son and had a very special relationship with his mother, Marilyn "Momo" Gersonde. They shared many a recipe and sunsets over Lake Michigan.

With great sadness, his memory is left to be cherished by his siblings: Eric (Becky) of Birmingham, Mich., Kristen (AJ Schulz) of Sarasota, Fla., Jon (Lynn) of Virgin Gorda, Kevin of Annapolis, Md., Heidi (Bill Sodetz) of Dillon, Colo., and Peter (Teri) of St. Joseph; many nieces and nephews, and many more family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: John and Marilyn.

A quiet gathering will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 25 at the Dunes Pavilion at Silver Beach.

Donations may be made to Hanson Hospice Center in memory of his mother, Marilyn Gersonde.

May his weary soul rest quietly. We love you, Kurt!

Sarah Lee Hureskin

Sept. 26, 1937 – Sept. 6, 2020

Sarah Lee Hureskin, 82, of Benton Harbor went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Sept. 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating her life will be Sept. 25, at the New Paradise Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 10 a.m. followed by the service at 11 a.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com

Sarah Lee was born to the union of Ephraim and Laura (Henderson) Hureskin on Sept. 26, 1937, in Batesville, Miss. She relocated to Berrien County in 1945 with her mother and sisters.

Sarah Lee retired from Benton Harbor Area Schools as a lunchroom server in the 1980s.

She was a member of the New Paradise MB Church, under the leadership of the Rev. Willie T. Burton Sr.

Sarah Lee leaves to cherish her memory, daughters: Denise (Charles) Clark, Jeanette Hureskin, Tanya (EL) Wright, Gwendolyn (Willie) Mason, Romona Clark, Kelly (Jimmy) King, Linda Wiley and Robin Franklin; son: Gregory (Jacqui) Hureskin; 24 grandchildren; a host of great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces; a nephew; cousins, and friends.

Sarah Lee was preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Mattie Rodgers, Ethel Donald and Christine Hureskin; daughter, Roslyn Hureskin; and son, Donell Hureskin.

Thomas Steve Pitts

Sept. 1, 1933 – Sept. 23, 2020

Thomas Steve Pitts III, 87, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2020, at his home in the care of his family.

Tom was born Sept. 1, 1933, in Portsmouth, Ohio, to Thomas Steve Pitts II and Lena Jenkins.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1950 through to 1953 and saw combat in North Korea, where he earned two Bronze Service Stars.

He married Dolores L. Rodriguez on Dec. 27, 1953. Dolores was the love of his life and he gave her devotion, unwavering companionship, and love for the next 67 years they shared together.

He was a loving, kind and gentle father and grandfather to his large clan. He lived his life with dignity and a resolve to always do the right thing. Tom was a home body who loved fishing, hunting, gardening, playing checkers, horseshoes and mowing his lawn. During vacations when his kids were young, he and Dolores would pile everybody into the family station wagon and travel through the U.S. and Mexico on many an epic journey. Of course he left the driving in Mexico to Dolores!

He is survived by his wife, Dolores; children: Linda (Ron) Clark, Rena Mikel, Sandra (Mike) Podolak, Thomas (Helen) Pitts IV, Frank (Ann Marie) Pitts, Donald Pitts and Theresa (Cameron) O'Kell; 23 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Sadly, Tom was preceded in death by his beloved grandson, Curtis Pitts, and his beloved son-in-law, James Mikel.

Dad, we will forever adore and remember you, we will stand taller and stronger, knowing you are watching over us, always believing. We love you.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Service, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman.

Jerry G. Weber

Sept. 17, 1936 – Sept. 18, 2020

Jerry G. Weber (husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather), 84, passed away peacefully at home with family by his side on Sept. 18, 2020, after a courageous fight against Parkinson's Disease.

Jerry was born Sept. 17, 1936, to Raymond and Kathleen (Kelly) Weber in Benton Harbor, where he grew up and graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1954. He met the love of his life, Barbara A. Beedon, in 1953 at a basketball game and was introduced by Jerry's good friend Jim Postello.

Jerry joined the U.S. Marines Reserves in July of 1954, and went active in October 1955–October 1958. Jerry and Barbara married Nov. 29, 1958.

Jerry went to work in the construction industry and learned the trade of brick mason. He worked building residential homes in the Berrien County area of Michigan. In 1972 Jerry and Barbara moved their family (four children) to Florida for work and warmer weather.

Jerry and Barbara created their own business in 1973, Weber & S.D.W. Masonry, with Jerry specializing in masonry fireplaces. Jerry's four children and several grandchildren all worked in the family business and the company continues today being run by his oldest son, Mike Weber, and son-in-law, Bob Matherly.

Jerry retired to part-time work at 55 allowing him to travel and fish with Barbara and fully retire at 61.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents.

Jerry is survived by his wife, Barbara A. (Beedon) Weber, Winter Park, Fla.; son, Michael (Patricia) Weber, Oviedo, Fla.; daughter, Nancy (Bob) Matherly, Oviedo; son, Timm (Alice) Weber, Vero Beach, Fla.; son, Kent (Brenda) Weber, Mascotte, Fla.; brother, Leman (Melita) Weber, Ryan, Okla.; eleven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Donations in his memory to: Parkinson Association of Central Florida, P.O. Box 3337, Winter Park, FL 32790-3337. www.parkinsoncf.org. info@parkinsoncf.org.

Death notices

Jack Matthew Cronk, 76, of St. Joseph died Sept. 22, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Jonathan Duehlmeyer, 29, of Stevensville died Sept. 24, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Marion Earl Getz, 77, of Hartford died Sept. 20, 2020. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, 463-3811.

Loretta "Lassie" Hackenberg, 92, of Lawton died Sept. 23, 2020. Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw, 657-6347.

Sarah Lee Hureskin, 82, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 6, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

Thomas Steve Pitts III, 87, died Sept. 23, 2020. Pike Funeral home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Darlene E. Pullen, 85, of Benton Harbor died Sept. 23, 2020 at The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Jerry G. Weber, 84, died Sept. 18, 2020. Newcomer Funeral Home, Winter Park, Fla.

Loretta 'Lassie' Hackenberg

Sept. 27, 1927 – Sept. 23, 2020

Loretta "Lassie" Hackenberg, 92, of Lawton passed away Sept. 23, 2020. Heaven gained an angel today, as our mom reunited with our dad, in the early morning hours, at Jackie's house with grandson Jake by her side.

She was born in east Decatur, on Sept. 27, 1927, the daughter of the late Sam and Mary (Panek) Laskovy.

She retired from Welch's in 1989, after 42 years of service, and is where she started dating Russell. On Sept. 2, 1950, she married Russell Earl Hackenberg. They spent nearly 60 years together, raising five children in the process.

Surviving are her children: John, Jackie McDowell and Mary (Steve) Nix, all of Lawton; Her five grandchildren include: P.J. (Maki) Chmiel, Amanda (Ben) Hoger, John (Ashley) Hackenberg, Miranda (Dan) McDowell and Jacob (Taylor) McDowell.

Lassie was preceded in death by her husband, Russell; her sons: Jerry and Ace; her parents; and sisters: Helen, Vicki, Stella, Lottie, Jenny and brothers-in-law.

She enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking, homemade jellies, bicycle rides, bowling, spoiling grandkids, traveling with Russ to softball and bowling tournaments, working at the American Legion fish fries and just being around people.

She was loved by all who knew her and would go above and beyond to help anyone in need. Her skills in the kitchen were amazing and were enjoyed by all. Pies, banana bread, cookies and famous Texas sheet cake found their way to many grateful mouths in town. Russ would get mad because the boys at the Lawton Public Works barn usually got priority over him. Her dinners were delicious, and the Polish cuisine didn't come often enough.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Adams Funeral Home, 502 W. Michigan Ave., Paw Paw. There will be a Rosary service at 7:30 pm. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mary Catholic Church, Paw Paw, with Fr. Joseph Xavier officiating. Interment will follow at the Oak Grove Cemetery, Lawton. There will be a luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the family. Share a memory or sign the online tribute wall at: www.adamspawpaw.com.

Wildfires taint West Coast vineyards with taste of smoke

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

Eric Risberg / AP

Grapes with ash on them hang in a vineyard that was blanketed by smoke from wildfires in Sonoma, Calif., on Sept. 10. Smoke from the West Coast wildfires has tainted grapes in some of the nation's most celebrated wine regions. The resulting ashy flavor could spell disaster for the 2020 vintage.

TURNER, Ore. — Smoke from the West Coast wildfires has tainted grapes in some of the nation's most celebrated wine regions with an ashy flavor that could spell disaster for the 2020 vintage.

Wineries in California, Oregon and Washington have survived severe wildfires before, but the smoke from this year's blazes has been especially bad – thick enough to obscure vineyards drooping with clusters of grapes almost ready for harvest. Day after day, some West Coast cities endured some of the worst air quality in the world.

No one knows the extent of the smoke damage to the crop, and growers are trying to assess the severity. If tainted grapes are made into wine without steps to minimize the harm or weed out the damaged fruit, the result could be wine so bad that it cannot be marketed.

The wildfires are likely to be "without question the single worst disaster the winegrape growing community has ever faced," said John Aguirre, president of the California Association of Winegrape Growers.

Winemakers around the world are already adapting to climate change, including rising temperatures and more frequent, more severe droughts. Those near fire-prone forests face the additional risk that smoke could ruin everything.

"Unfortunately, climate experts are telling us this is going to be a problem," said Anita Oberholster, a wine expert at the University of California, Davis. "And so we need to do better. We need to do loads more research."

With this year's harvest underway, some wineries are not accepting grapes they had agreed to purchase unless they have been tested for smoke taint, Aguirre said. But laboratories are too backed up to analyze new orders in time.

ETS Laboratories, in the Napa Valley town of St. Helena, California, says test results on grape samples received now will not be ready until November. New clients will have to wait even longer for results, according to the lab's website.

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1995 – 25 years ago

A Preschool Outdoor Discovery Class starts Oct. 12 at Love Creek Nature Center on Huckleberry Road in Berrien Center. The class is designed to help 4- to 6-year-olds develop an interest and appreciation of the natural world. They will experience a new outdoor theme each month through a variety of hands-on activities. The class will meet monthly on Thursdays until May. There will be a morning and afternoon session.

1985 – 35 years ago

Junior Achievement of Blossomland will open the doors to its new building at 685 St. Joseph Drive in St. Joseph on Monday. Now in its 14th year, JA has outgrown its leased quarters on Highland Avenue. The new building was the result of a funding drive through JA's 24-member board and contributions from local businesses. JA teaches high schoolers how to form and operate their own businesses. Twin Cities JA participants come from five high schools: Benton Harbor, St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Lake Michigan Catholic and Michigan Lutheran.

1970 – 50 years ago

David Laetz, 22, designed a fold-out bed complete with stereo amplifying equipment and TV and won $250. Laetz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Laetz of St. Joseph. He is a senior at Michigan State University. He is a 1966 graduate of St. Joseph High School. His unique bed was entered in a competition sponsored by the International Woodworking Machinery and Furniture Supply Fair in Louisville last week. Laetz was flown to Louisville to receive his prize money at the opening day of the expo. Entries were judged on the basis of innovative or original design, suitability of materials, workmanship or presentation, and for multi-use and modular fabrication concepts.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Sept. 25, the 269th day of 2020. There are 97 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 25, 1957, nine Black students who'd been forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

On this date:

In 1789, the first United States Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1904, a New York City police officer ordered a female automobile passenger on Fifth Avenue to stop smoking a cigarette. (A male companion was arrested and later fined $2 for "abusing" the officer.)

In 1911, ground was broken for Boston's Fenway Park.

In 1919, President Woodrow Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable officially went into service with a three-way ceremonial call between New York, Ottawa and London.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Mostly Clear	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers
80°	60°	83° / 63°	73° / 55°	66° / 52°	60° / 48°

Local Outlook

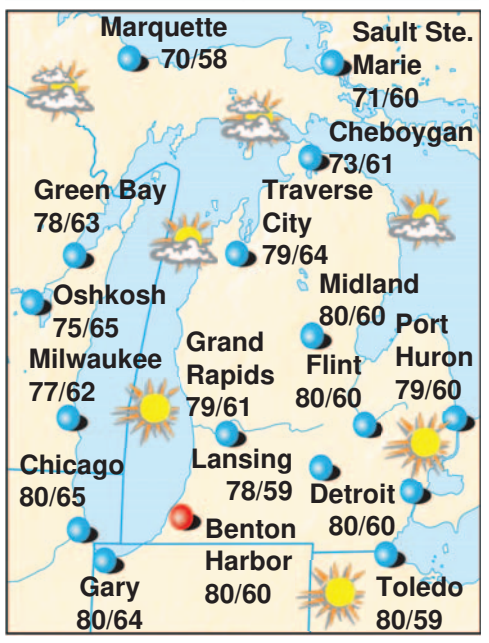
Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 80°, humidity of 51%. South wind 7 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 60°. South wind 6 to 10 mph. Saturday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high of 83°, humidity of 53%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:36 a.m.
Sunset	7:36 p.m.
Moonrise	4:49 p.m.
Moonset	1:02 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
10/1	10/9	10/16	10/23

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	78°
Low	52°
Normal High	71°
Normal Low	49°
Record High	93° in 2017
Record Low	36° in 2012

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	2.56"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	28.10"

Air Quality

Yesterday 63

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is a tornado family?

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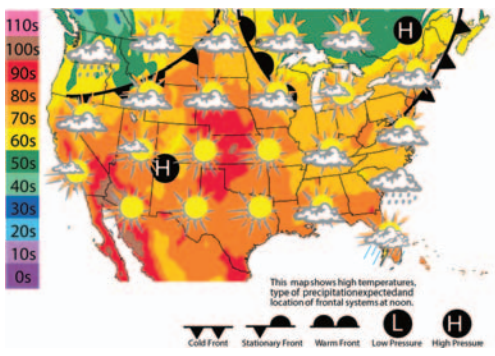
Answer: A series of tornadoes produced by a single supercell.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 25, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSW wind 5 to 7 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 64 degrees. Tonight, S wind 7 to 12 kt. Increasing clouds. Waves 1 to 2 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with highs in the 70s. South wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with widespread showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 60s and 70s. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. South wind 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 70s and 80s. South wind 10 to 16 mph.

Early voting starts in Michigan under new rules

By ANNA LIZ NICHOLS
Associated Press/ Report for America

Paul Sancya / AP

A ballot drop box is shown where voters can drop off absentee ballots instead of using the mail in Detroit on Thursday.

LANSING — Early voting for the 2020 general election started in Michigan on Thursday under expanded voting rights that allow for any resident to request an absentee ballot.

Amid concerns about the coronavirus pandemic, nearly 2.4 million residents already had requested absentee ballots, more than ever before, the state reported Tuesday. With 40 days until the Nov. 3 election, people are encouraged to turn in their ballots early to avoid any mail delays.

People can also vote early in person and on Election Day. Lansing City Clerk Chris Swope said about 30 people came to one of the city's locations to vote on the first day of early voting. His office, like many others in the state, is hopeful that people return ballots as early as possible.

Concerns and confusion about how to safely vote amid the pandemic, coupled with changes to absentee voting rules in Michigan, make it important for voters to have good information.

On the ballot

Michigan is among the battleground states for the presidential election after the state voted for President Donald Trump over Hillary Clinton in 2016 by a less than 1 percent margin. Both Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden have dedicated significant campaign efforts to the state, visiting frequently.

Democrats took the majority in the U.S. House in 2018 in small part due to historically Republican seats being flipped in southeast Michigan. Meanwhile, Democratic Sen. Gary Peters is fighting for reelection after his first term in a tight race against Republican John James, who lost to Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2018.

On a state level, Michigan's Supreme Court is seeing Republicans battle to maintain a 4-3 majority as two seats are up for election.

Michigan residents will vote on two ballot initiatives, one to allow the state to continue to receive funds from sales of oil and gas from state-owned lands to support state parks and another to extend the prohibition of unreasonable searches to a person's electronic data and communications.

Voter registration

Michigan residents can register to vote by mail, online, or in person. Since voters approved an expansion of Michigan's voting rights in 2018, residents can register to vote in-person at their local clerk's office the day of the election. Those registering to vote another way must have their voter registration application sent or postmarked by Oct. 19.

Absentee voting

Under the expansion of the state's voting rights, people do not need a reason to vote absentee and can send their ballot through the mail or bring it to their local clerk's office.

Under a new court order, absentee ballots can be mailed in as late as Nov. 2 as long as they arrive within 14 days after the election.

To ensure a ballot will arrive in time to be counted, voters can use drop boxes that have been placed across the state or take their ballot directly to their local clerk's office.

Michigan residents can even apply for an absentee ballot in-person at a clerk's office as late as 4 p.m. the day before the election and submit it that same day.

Election day

Polling locations will still be taking in-person voters and every jurisdiction is receiving the necessary cleaning supplies and personal protection equipment they need to perform a safe election, the state says, paid for with federal COVID-19 relief funds.

Clerks across the state have reported changing polling locations to schools or other large buildings with wide hallways to make lines as safe and distanced as possible.

ELECTIONS

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Meanwhile, Tyler said she's preparing for a long night on election night, in part because they expect two-thirds of the votes to be cast by absentee ballot.

She told commissioners that she doesn't expect all of the votes to be tallied until at least 10 a.m. the day after the election. And she said she's already looking for space for recounts after the election.

Because of the social distancing required due to the pandemic, she said she's talking with staff at Lake Michigan College to see if she can use any of their larger spaces if there's a recount.

Tyler said after the meeting that everyone needs to thank their local clerks.

"I know everybody's stressing out during this time," she said. "Don't beat them up. They're doing the best they can."

Tyler said that the deadline for people to register as write-in candidates is 4 p.m. Oct. 23. Unless the person is signing up as a write-in for a county office, she said they need to register with their local clerks.

Contact: lwrege@TheHP.com, 932-0361, Twitter: @HPWrege

BALLOTS

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significantly expanded under a 2018 voter-approved constitutional amendment and has become especially popular during the coronavirus pandemic.

The Republican-led House passed the bill 94-11. The GOP-controlled Senate approved an earlier version last week and then shipped the final measure to the Democratic governor on a 35-2 vote.

A record 2.4 million people had requested absentee ballots as of Monday, which is quadruple the number of requests during the same period in 2016.

The House amended the legislation to add facets of other bills that had been under consideration. Changes include allowing for shifts at absentee counting boards so that tired workers no longer have to stay so long and requiring clerks to notify a voter whose ballot application or ballot is rejected because the signature on the application or envelope does match what is in the database.

In the August primary, 1,438 absentee ballots were rejected because they had no signature and 787 were tossed because the signature was determined not to match. About 6,400 did not count because they came in too late.

The bill also was revised to include security requirements for newly installed boxes where voters can drop off absentee ballots instead of using the mail.

House Republicans rejected Democrats' proposals to let all municipalities – not just 72 – process ballots sooner and allow clerks to begin opening outer envelopes three days, instead of one day, before the election.

Rep. Vanessa Guerra, a Saginaw Democrat, noted that the legislation would only apply to the 2020 election and said legislators will have to revisit it in the next two-year session.

"This November will not be the last election we have and certainly won't be the last election where we see an increased number of (absentee) voters," she said. She added that local budgets are tight and expressed concern about municipalities' financial ability to install drop boxes and ensure required video monitoring of ones located outdoors – unless the state provides funding.

Aerial spraying against mosquito-borne disease over

LANSING (AP) — More than 462,000 acres have been sprayed from the sky to prevent the spread of Eastern equine encephalitis, the Michigan health department said Thursday.

No additional treatment is planned. The illness has been confirmed in one person in Barry County as well as 30 horses and two deer. Another case in a human is suspected in Montcalm County.

EEE is one of the most dangerous mosquito-borne diseases in the U.S. It can be fatal and often leaves survivors with brain damage.

"We continue to urge communities and residents to take precautions against mosquito bites as the risk of EEE remains until the first hard frost," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, Michigan's medical executive.

The affected counties are Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Clare, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Livingston, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo and Oakland.

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Century, African Americans were thought not to feel pain because "their neurological systems were crude."

And as late as 2016, one-half of medical students believed Black people are immune to pain, Washington said.

"We need to acknowledge these past ethical breaches, not seek to excuse them," she said.

During a question and answer session, one participant asked Washington what medical students, residents and fellows can do to fix this.

"It should not fall upon medical students to fix this," she responded. "But I tell them, if you see something that's not right, you need to say something. One person can change something. Take action, speak up, go out on a limb."

Another participant asked what health systems can do to earn the trust of Black people.

Washington's advice: "Maximize access to your system even though that might cost you something. It might mean treating people who don't have health insurance. Devise a way to assign physicians to people who don't have one. Increase representation of your population in your health system."

She offered a shorter-term solution that might seem obvious.

"Ask people, 'What do you need in your health care system?' Let them know you're here to be advocates," Washington said.

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expungement in Michigan have their records cleared within five years of becoming eligible, according to a 2019 study out of the University of Michigan Law School. The study found that those who get their records expunged see higher earnings and low recidivism rates.

The bill dubbed as "Clean Slate" would bring on the most sweeping changes. It would create an automated system to wipe clean certain convictions after a period of time, following the lead of Pennsylvania, Utah and California. If the bill is signed into law, Michigan would be the first to automatically clear prior low-level felony offenses.

The bill gives the state a two-year period to implement the automatic expungement process.

It's not clear exactly how many people would benefit from the reform, but it's loosely estimated to be hundreds of thousands. In Wayne County alone, eligibility would increase from 152,000 people who qualify for expungement under the current law to 358,000 people if the legislation is enacted, according a data scientist with the City of Detroit who testified at a committee hearing over the summer.

The Senate on Wednesday also approved two bills related to the expungement of juvenile records, which Sen. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, one of the primary sponsors, referred to as "Clean Slate for kids." The bills, which would seal juvenile court records from public view and create a process to automatically expunge juvenile records for those who stay out of trouble, now head to the House.

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